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WEEK DAYS

	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.
Kowloon...Dep.	6.40	9.15	10.30	12.00	1.15	4.35	5.25	7.10	7.19
Yau-mat...Dep.	6.50	9.24	10.39	12.09	1.24	4.44	5.34	7.19	7.28
Shatin...Dep.	7.02	9.36	10.51	12.21	1.36	4.56	5.46	7.31	7.40
Tai-po...Dep.	7.16	9.49	11.04	12.34	1.49	5.09	5.59	7.44	7.53
Tai-po Market...Dep.	7.31	9.53	11.08	12.38	1.53	5.13	6.03	7.48	7.57
Fanning...Dep.	7.33	10.03	11.18	12.48	1.53	5.13	6.03	7.48	7.57
Shung-shui...Dep.	7.38	10.07	11.22	12.52	1.57	5.17	6.07	7.53	8.02
Shum-chun...Arr.	7.43	10.13	11.28	12.58	2.02	5.22	6.12	7.58	8.07

	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.
Shum-chun...Dep.	7.51	10.21	11.36	13.06	2.10	5.30	6.20	8.05	8.14
Shung-shui...Dep.	7.58	10.28	11.43	13.13	2.17	5.37	6.27	8.12	8.21
Fanning...Dep.	8.02	10.32	11.47	13.17	2.21	5.41	6.31	8.16	8.25
Tai-po Market...Dep.	8.16	10.46	12.01	13.31	2.35	5.55	6.45	8.30	8.39
Tai-po...Dep.	8.30	11.00	12.15	13.45	2.49	6.09	6.59	8.44	8.53
Shatin...Dep.	8.44	11.14	12.29	13.59	2.63	6.23	7.13	8.58	9.07
Yau-mat...Dep.	8.58	11.28	12.43	14.13	2.77	6.37	7.27	9.12	9.21
Kowloon...Arr.	9.03	11.33	12.48	14.18	2.82	6.42	7.32	9.17	9.26

SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.
Kowloon...Dep.	6.40	8.35	9.15	10.30	12.00	2.30	5.25	7.10	7.19
Yau-mat...Dep.	6.50	8.45	9.25	10.40	12.10	2.40	5.35	7.20	7.29
Shatin...Dep.	7.02	8.57	9.37	10.52	12.22	2.52	5.47	7.31	7.40
Tai-po...Dep.	7.16	9.11	9.51	11.06	12.36	3.06	5.59	7.44	7.53
Tai-po Market...Dep.	7.31	9.26	10.06	11.21	12.51	3.21	6.09	7.58	8.07
Fanning...Dep.	7.33	9.28	10.08	11.23	12.53	3.23	6.11	8.00	8.09
Shung-shui...Dep.	7.38	9.33	10.13	11.28	12.58	3.28	6.16	8.05	8.14
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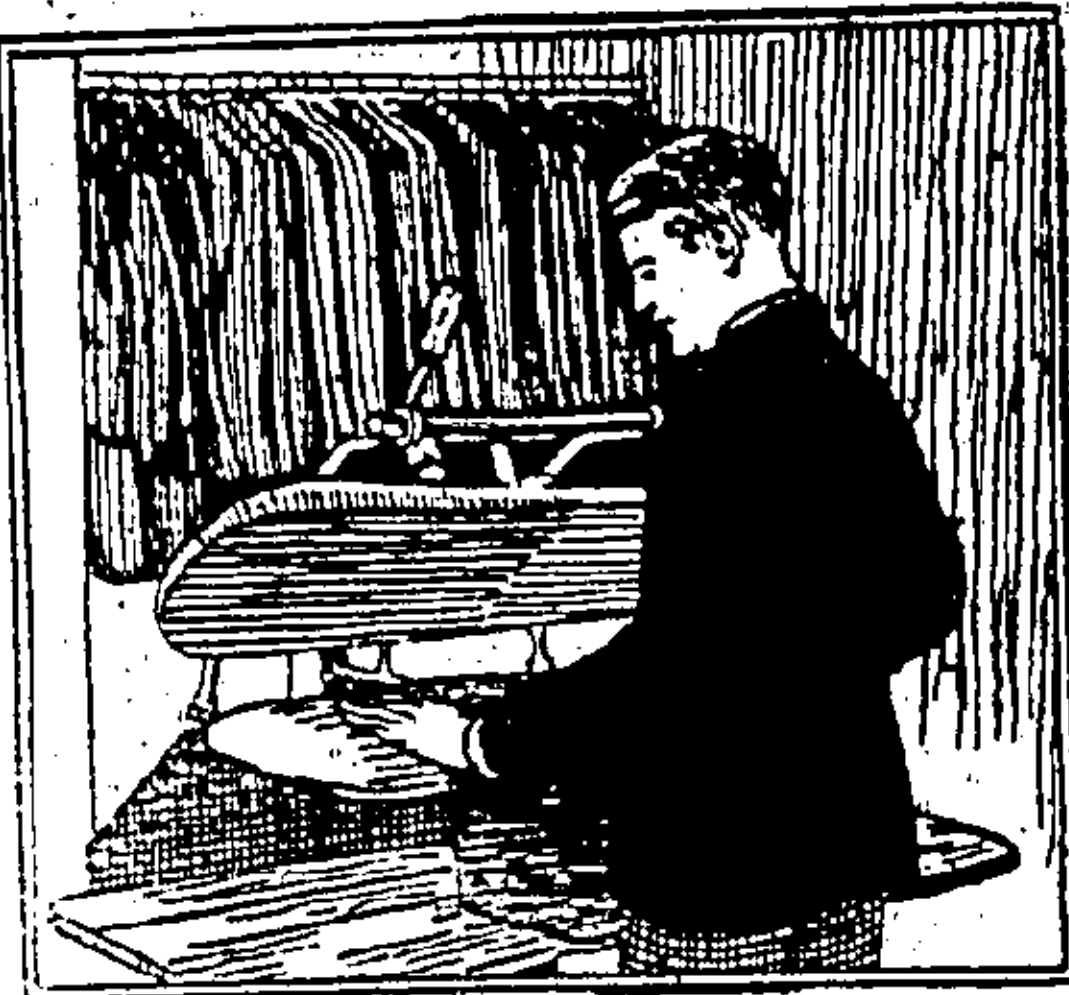
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OUR LONDON LETTER.

BRITISH BANKER ON THE TRADE OUTLOOK.

HEAD OF BARCLAY'S IN CHEERFUL MOOD.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, January 23rd.

There has been a good deal of very interesting gossip during the last few days about the absence from town of the Prince of Wales. He has been spending his time hunting, and that was to be expected. The gossips are commenting upon the fact that he has been almost every day in company with one or other of his brothers, and particularly with the Duke of York. He appears to have lately chosen the company of his brothers to the exclusion of some of his own intimates, and, naturally, there is a good deal of interested comment upon it.

In this connection it may be stated that it has been decided that when the tenancy of Lord Howe's house in Curzon Street has to be relinquished by the Duke and Duchess of York next month, they will at once go into residence at White Lodge, Richmond, and remain there for some time, the length of their stay depending, of course, upon the fulfilment of the expectations of a happy event some time in May.

The Prince of Wales was himself born at White Lodge, and it is interesting to recall the fact that the latest Royal baby to come into the world there was the son of Prince and Princess Paul of Serbia, who was born in August, 1921, in precisely the same room as that in which our own Prince of Wales saw the light.

QUITE HIBERNIAN!

Everybody expected that when the Irish Free State set out to manage its own affairs efforts would be made to make it as Irish as possible. But some things which are being done are not likely to do the new Commonwealth any good. As an illustration I need only mention the action of the Lord Chief Justice of the Free State in conducting a vigorous campaign to make the Irish language compulsory for all to the Bar. The trouble is that the attempt to make Gaelic, which is generally supposed to be the Irish language—at all compulsory in business has been a dead failure. It is a most difficult language to learn, and of no earthly use to anybody when it is acquired. In many respects a knowledge of Chinese would be more useful.

Meantime, while the Lord Chief Justice is having his fling, the Free State Finance Minister has decided to go in for a Free State coinage, and that will certainly not be popular with the very active agents who are doing their best to revive the once flourishing tourist industry in Ireland. American tourists were beginning to revisit the country in considerable numbers, and the imposition of a new coinage will add a complication to their already complicated hustling that they will not in the least appreciate.

A GREAT PRISON REFORMER.

Appreciative references are made in the Press on John Howard, immortalised as a prison reformer, whose bi-centenary is celebrated this week with a service in St. Paul's Cathedral. John Howard was an apprentice to a grocer in the City of London, and he made himself a European reputation more by singleness of purpose than by special qualities of intellect. Howard and his wife were also pioneers in housing reform. The miserable mud huts of their tenants were replaced by "neat" cottages, let out at the same rents as the hovels. Mrs. Howard's jewels were sold to build cottages; and when once her husband offered her a tip to London on the balance of his income left at the end of the year she chose one more new house instead.

As a young man, when on his way to give relief to the sufferers from the Lisbon earthquake, Howard was captured at sea, and spent some months as a prisoner of war, and it was probably this experience that turned his thoughts when he became Sheriff of Bedford to the condition of the prisoners for whom he was responsible. From that time his life was devoted to the reform of the prisons of Europe.

MADAME TUSSAUD'S.

Madame Tussaud's, the famous waxworks exhibition which was destroyed by fire nearly a year ago, has been sold, and although it is said in London that the place may be re-built as another waxworks show I think this is extremely unlikely. Most of the figures were lost in the fire; only the Chamber of Horrors and the tableaux on the lower floors escaped. The business was generally believed to have belonged to the Tussaud family, but the latter parted with their proprietary interest over half a century ago when a private company was formed, most of the shares being held by trustees. People used to go to Madame Tussaud's because it was an old institution and for some generations had been an established treat of childhood. But the waxworks is no longer an informative marvel since the spread of the illustrated Press and the cinema, and a waxworks show that had no tradition behind it very small chance of attracting.

In late years Madame Tussaud's was kept going by visitors from abroad—chiefly from the Dominions and America

—and by country visitors. But it was really decaying before the fire. The realism of the cinema was the last blow. Who wanted to see kings and queens and statesmen and jockeys standing stiff and still when they could see them on the films walking about or riding winners?

A CONFIDENT NOTE.

The croakers have had a nasty knock this week, delivered by an eminent banker, Mr. F. C. Goodenough, the Chairman of Barclay's, who is always a cautious speaker. He made the confident statement at the annual meeting that we are pulling through our present difficulties with efficiency and success, and that the future is by no means so dismal as it is often painted. Barclay's have had during the past year the biggest turnover in their history, and of course that gives Mr. Goodenough encouragement.

But there is the further fact that in Mr. Goodenough's opinion our policy has been sound, and that the return to the gold standard and the lifting of the embargo on foreign issues are indicative of returning strength. We have paid off £750,000,000 of debt in five years. We saved enough last year to invest £200,000,000 abroad. The adverse statistical balance on the foreign trade account of nearly £400,000,000 is more than wiped out, in Mr. Goodenough's opinion, by the "invisible exports."

After the avalanche of pessimism we have had to put up with during the past few months this is good reading. The pessimists can put it in their pipe and smoke it.

A BAD CLERICAL JOKE.

The British Broadcasting Company have learned a lesson which will not be forgotten in the future. The other night Father Ronald Knox, the Roman Catholic cleric, gave a lecture on the wireless and tried to be funny. He set out to describe what the news would sound like on the wireless if there was a Revolution, and he proceeded to give graphic details of the blowing up of St. Paul's Cathedral, the destruction of the Houses of Parliament, and a great deal more to the same effect. An enormous number of listeners in throughout Great Britain thought it was a sober narration of facts, and there was something like panic in various parts of the country. The telephone system was over-taxed by people frantically making inquiries as to the truth of the "disasters" they had just heard about.

THE LISTENING-IN PUBLIC.

Of course, the majority of listeners in knew it was meant to be a burlesque; but what Father Knox did not realise—and what the B.B.C. will never forget—is that the listening-in public is quite different from the theatrical public and the cinema public: it is the public in the widest sense. It is the man of the street, of the village, of the tavern, and especially the man of the hospital, and also the woman of all those places, and it is also everyone at home.

The majority of people only listen in incidentally. They take up the headpiece of listen to a loud speaker as they might listen to a band or a speaker in the street. Only the dogged members listen in from the beginning. Domestic servants for instance usually listen in in their spare moments through the evening, sometimes between the courses at dinner.

No wonder so many thousands, not having heard the introduction to Father Knox's "news" thought the worst had happened, and their alarm can be understood. Incidentally I may add, Father Knox has had such a drubbing in the Press that he is scarcely likely to regard himself as a humorist for the rest of his life.

THE PROPOSED BETTING TAX.

The possibility of the Chancellor of the Exchequer putting a tax on betting as a means of raising revenue continues to engage attention. One hears it discussed in the clubs. Roughly, there are three different sets of opinion on the subject—schools of thought, as one might say.

There are those who think it would be wise to tax the big credit bookmakers and the course bookmakers, leaving the small street "bookies" to escape untaxed. There are those who would tax all betting, if from no other motive than that of placing all betting men on a footing of equality. At present the moneyed man can bet with impunity, on credit, and his bookmaker is subjected to no hindrance, whereas the little man who stakes his shillings in ready money is reduced to devious ways of "backing his fancy," and his bookmaker is hunted and harried by the police. Both these schools of thought are in favour of a tax in principle, and simply differ as to its scope.

Then of course there is the anti-tax school who regard a tax as impracticable, or who think a tax would give the sanction of the State to what they regard as an immoral proceeding, or who think that the step would be bad policy. The whole question is complex, and the investigation of it by Mr. Churchill, as Chancellor of the Exchequer, will naturally take time, since he will not move without full knowledge of the possible effects of his action.—H.B.

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The appointment as directors of the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang and Mr. Frank Austin was proposed by Mr. Kew, seconded by Mr. Kilar-Savva, and carried. The retiring directors, Mr. T. G. Weall and Mr. A. H. Compton, were re-elected on the proposition of Mr. Sutherland. Mr. L. S. GREENHILL proposed and Mr. L. TOWNSEND seconded the re-election of Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth Fleming and Messrs. Linstead & Davis as auditors for the ensuing year.

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ANNUAL DISTRIBUTION OF
PRIZES.

CHEV. J. M. ALVES ON THE
PORTUGUESE LANGUAGE.

Prize-day was held at the Canossian Institute, St. Mary's School, Kowloon, yesterday evening, when Lady Clementi distributed the prizes. There was a large gathering present, including Chevalier J. M. Alves, Mr. de Martin (Inspector of Schools), the Pro-Vicar, the Rev. Father Spada, Comdr. S. Cararra, Consul-General for Italy, and the Rev. Father Paul.

The report was read by Chev. J. M. Alves, who said:—The Rev. Mother Superior has been good enough to assign to me the privilege of reading, on this occasion the report of the Headmistress of the school for the last year, an honour which I greatly appreciate, not only because I have three little daughters receiving their education at St. Mary's but also because it has always been a great pleasure to me to be of some service to such an institution as the Canossian Institute, whose members devote their lives so willingly and so gladly to the self-sacrificing, relatively obscure, yet immensely noble task of educating the young—and all for the greater Glory of God.

It is not necessary for me to say very much to a Kowloon audience about the excellent work which this school has been doing, for the devoted work of its Headmistress and staff is already well known to the Public of the Peninsula.

However, before I proceed to read the report I wish to congratulate the Rev. Mother Superior and the teachers of the school on the new building, erected to replace the old wooden structure, which was totally destroyed by the disastrous typhoon in August, 1923. It is indeed a fine building with airy rooms, good light, and cheerful surroundings.

I consider the addition not only important but a necessary one in view of the increasing demand for education facilities for Kowloon, which, as we all can see, is developing rapidly to become the most popular residential area of the Colony.

I understand that this is the first public function in this new building, and I say how proud the School must feel to have the honour of this function being presided over by Lady Clementi, who, we all know, takes such a real, personal and effective interest in education.

As a Portuguese I naturally will feel pleased to hear of the progress which is being made at this School in the teaching of the Portuguese language, and I am sure that the Portuguese Community will be grateful when they learn of the encouragement which the Rev. Mother is giving to the study of the language by all Portuguese pupils of the School. I cannot impress too strongly on all Portuguese girls here the desirability of acquiring a good knowledge of their own language, which will open to them the rich field of the beautiful literature of our country. I am aware that there is a feeling that here in Hongkong the study of the English language is of more importance for Portuguese children than that of their own language; it is essentially a question of "bread and butter."

Man, however, does not live by bread alone, and in any case, even if we are to regard the whole question from a purely utilitarian point of view, I have it on the authority of heads of large firms in this Colony that those of their Portuguese employees who command a good knowledge of their own language appear to have been assisted thereby to acquire a more thorough knowledge of English. In this connection I have much pleasure in announcing that the "Socorro Nuts" will grant three scholarships of \$25, \$30, and \$100, for the highest marks obtained in Portuguese in the University Junior and Senior Local Examinations and Matriculation respectively.

On behalf of the Rev. Mother Superior, the staff and the pupils I beg to tender to Lady Clementi their sincere thanks for the honour which she is conferring on the School to-day by presiding at this function and in their name I bid her a cordial welcome. (Applause.)

HEADMISTRESS' REPORT.

The report stated that when the school was re-opened on the 14th January, 1925, 260 pupils were admitted. A satisfactory feature during the past year had been a steady increase in the number of the pupils, and in the month of October there were 275 on the roll, whereas the highest figure of enrolment in 1924 was 220. The average attendance was good throughout the year. The school could now accommodate 400 pupils. The school had maintained its reputation for good health among the pupils, there had been steady progress in all classes, and the discipline had been excellent.

The annual official inspection of the school was held in October, and was conducted by Inspector Sutherland. His report is not only encouraging but made special mention of the progress of the pupils in colloquial and written work, and drawing was specially commended. The Kindergarten classes continued to do good work. Following the Inspector's advice a Chinese teacher had been engaged for a Chinese Preparatory Class, which is taught separately. There are 25 pupils at present in this class.

In the quarterly examination held in December the "Lugard Scholarship" was won by Miss Carmen Silva and the special prize for "Biblical Knowledge" by Miss Albertina Garcia. In the University Local Examinations the result was satisfactory, two having passed in the Senior and four in the Junior. Miss Teresa Sanchez obtaining distinction in needlework, and Miss Olga Ribeiro in music.

LEARNING PORTUGUESE.

As a large number of our pupils are children of Portuguese parentage, Portuguese language is taught in the school and Portuguese pupils are afforded every facility to study their language. It is the desire of the Rev. Mother Superior that every Portuguese girl should learn her own language. Madame Albuquerque, the wife of the Portuguese Consul-General and Mr. Almeida, the Hon. Secretary of the Socorro Mutes conducted the examination in Portuguese and were satisfied with the results.

The Rev. Mother Superior and all the members of the staff wished to thank Lady Clementi very much for kindly coming to distribute the prizes, and also all the parents and friends of the pupils for their attendance.

Thanks were also extended to the Pro-Vicar Rev. Father Spada, for his paternal care and interest in the development and progress of St. Mary's School—which he graciously calls "his own school."

THE PRIZE-WINNERS.

The prizes were distributed by Lady Clementi as follows:

Prize for Biblical Knowledge—Albertina Garcia.

Lugard Scholarship for the year 1925—Carmen Silva.

Dr. A. S. Gomes Scholarship for Regular Attendance:—

Class 1.—Winnie Lo.
Class 2.—Teresa Sanchez.
Class 3.—Regina Ribeiro.
Class 4.—Julia Xaxier.
Class 5.—Rosario Fernandez and Lucy Jorge.

Class 6.—Joachina Fernandez.
Class 7.—Fatumesha Yumankan.
Class 8.—Betty Cullen.

Chev. J. Alves Scholarship for Good Conduct—Domitilla Souza and Marie Guterres.

Class 1.—Senior Local Certificate and Prizes—Albertina Garcia and Winnie Lo.

Class 2.—Junior Local Certificate and Prizes—Teresa Sanchez (distinction in needlework), Olga Ribeiro (distinction in music), Carolina Ribeiro, Marie Remedios.

Class 3.—First—Carmen Silva and Regina Ribeiro, Julia Yao, Sarah Remedios and Betty Remedios.

Class 4.—First—Cynthia Alves, Whitemina Wong, Ines Remedios, Cissy Silva.

Class 5.—First—Rosario Fernandez, Aida Noronha, Grace Cheung, Eitelvira Ribeiro and Irene Collaco.

Class 6.—First—Joachina Fernandez and Ahmina Abdoola, Pura da Eca and Sarah Abdoola, Elsa Silva and Sophy Lim, Albertina Marques, May Mariotti for politeness.

Class 7.—First—Stella Remedios, Mary Chan, Nora Gill, Constance Gomes.

Class 8.—First—Mabel Gardner and Hilda Gaan, Olga Mendez and Betty Brewer, Socorro Alves, Margaret Ng, Augusta Gutierrez for recitation.

Class 9.—First—Violet Wong, Georgina Fernandez and Erelina Ribeiro, Joan Allum and Helena Ribeiro, Mercia Xavier, Gladys Maxwell, Beatrice Fernandez.

Class 10.—Felomena Goncalves, Marie Britto, Ismeria Ozerio, Betty Marques, Lolita Yvanovich.

Prizes for Music—Julia Liang, Zaida Barros and Betty Cullen.

Prizes for Portuguese—Ester Carvalho, Helena Silva, Edriz d'Aguine, Carmem Silva, Terry Goncalves, Lucy Jorge, Pura da Eca, Sarah Remedios, Elvira Rosario, Marilia Jorge, Eitelvira Ribeiro, Guilhermina d'Aguine, Aurea Remedios, Emily Silva.

Prior to the prize distribution the pupils delighted the audience with a pleasing entertainment. Pianoforte solos were given by P. A. Eca, B. Cullen, and L. Garcia; duet by S. Lim and J. Lau, and a recitation "Longfellow's 'Children's Hour'" by S. Hyndman. There were also two action songs, and "Leur et le Papillon" was rendered by Miss B. Gutierrez (violin), Misses L. Thomas and C. Milton (mandolins), and the Misses A. Silice, and E. Gang (guitars). The accompanists were Miss C. Xavier, Miss P. Curtis, and Miss J. Liang.

An address of thanks to Lady Clementi was delivered by Miss Sophie Lim, and little Patsy Oblang presented her with a bouquet.

Lady Clementi said it had been a great pleasure for her to attend the school. She was interested in the school report and particularly the reference to the learning of Portuguese. She adjured the Portuguese girls to study their language, and remarked upon the advantages which the perfect knowledge of two languages gave one.

THE RACE MEETING. WEATHER PROSPECTS.

The Director of the Royal Observatory (Mr. T. F. Olaxton) has kindly supplied us with the records of rainfall, sunshine and temperature in Hongkong between 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. on March 1st to 8th over the past ten years.

It will be seen, he writes, that on March 1st, drizzle, or measurable rain, occurred in the afternoon on 4 of the past years; on the 2nd it occurred on 3 and on the 3rd on 2 of the past 10 years. On March 6th no measurable rain has fallen in the past 10 years, though drizzle occurred for 10 minutes between 4 and 5 p.m. in 1922.

Judging by statistics alone, therefore, it would appear that the chances are slightly in favour of a dry afternoon on March 1st; 7 to 3 in favour on March 2nd; 4 to 1 in favour on March 3rd; and 9 to 1 in favour on March 6th. It is about an even chance that the afternoons of March 1st, 2nd and 3rd will be entirely overcast. On March 6th the chances are about 9 to 1 on a sunny afternoon. The afternoon temperature during the week should be about 63 degrees but may vary from 50 deg. to 81 deg. This actually happened in 1921, the mean temperature in this year falling from 81 deg. at 1 p.m. on March 1st to 50 deg. at p.m. on March 3rd. In 1917 the temperature rose from 50 deg. at 1 p.m. on March 1st 88 deg. at 3 p.m. on March 3rd.

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NAVAL VOLUNTEERS.

COMMENT AT SHANGHAI.

The N.C. Daily News of February 16th, says:—

"At the annual inspection of the Hongkong Volunteers, which has just taken place, the proceedings were of sufficient interest to be brought to the notice of those in Shanghai. In the first place it is worth while noting that the Governor recalled with pleasure the time when he himself was a 'machine-gunner' in the Corps, and as we can add in Shanghai that the Chairman of Council was once a 'gunned infantryman,' we can show two excellent examples to aid us in inducing the young idea to volunteer. Then the Governor said that there was never more need for volunteers in the Colony than now; and recalling the days when there were thousands of fugitive soldiers seeking refuge in the Settlement, and nobody knowing what they might do once inside its boundaries, we may say the same here. Perhaps, however, of more technical interest to those actively engaged in the practical work of volunteering is the suggestion which has been put forward for a corps of naval volunteers in addition to those already existing in Hongkong. Possibly the Governor has in mind something like the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, which did actually get training once a year aboard men-of-war, and which afterwards went to form the Naval Division of the Army during the war, and that would probably prove a very popular element among the Volunteers there. Furthermore in the territorial waters of the colony these men in time of trouble would probably be able to assist in the necessary patrol work in smaller craft which any crisis would inevitably render doubly so. It is true that our Maritime Corps, brought into being for an object slightly similar, is now defunct, but there were difficulties in its way which will not be encountered in Hongkong with its one definite authority in harbour matters, and there is no reason why the changed conditions there should not make it a success."

WEATHER REPORT.

Last night's weather report and remarks by the Royal Observatory said:—

The anti-cyclone has increased in intensity; the depression is probably crossing Northern Japan. Strong monsoon will continue along the South-East coast and over the Northern China Sea. Local forecast: N.E. winds, fresh, cloudy.

CORRESPONDENCE.

"IF"

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

Sir,—It is a matter of great regret to me, as the person who aroused John Beal's wrath, that he should have taken my comments on his remarkable experience of what he terms Eastern Magic, so much to heart. Perhaps I was carried away by my great interest in the little I know of his remarkable experience in connection with his friend Ali.

I do feel that a man who has gone through what John Beal has, should give those experiences to the Public—particularly as some of these are known to many people in the Colony, in a more or less garbled version.

It is hardly fair to the Public to lift the veil so little, as John Beal does, and then refuse to proceed any further, thus leaving the Public guessing.

At the risk of rousing his wrath again I feel bound to recount the little I know of this episode, in the hope that John Beal himself will realise the interest aroused by his experiences, and will consent to give them in full.

John Beal states that, "by means unfathomable by our material philosophy," he was taken back to the time as mentioned in my previous communication and actually caught the train which ten years previously he had missed. As a result of catching his train, it is stated that perfectly natural events led him to some Eastern country where he assumed, or arrogated to himself, the position of an Eastern Potentate.

It is at this point that the story trails off into speculations which only John Beal himself can deal with.

To the every-day man the suggestions of what happened in these circumstances are too fantastic to be credible, and he needs authoritative guidance from the man who has actually been through them before he can ever begin to conceive that such happenings could ever have taken place.

It seems therefore, that one is perfectly justified in making an appeal to John Beal to come out into the open to recount to a sceptical public just exactly what his experiences were. Everybody is an "earnest enquirer" into these "esoteric questions" therefore everyone is entitled to request John Beal "to enlarge on my experiences."—Yours, etc.

THE ORIGINAL CORRESPONDENT.

CABLE AND WIRELESS NEWS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

NATIONAL HEALTH.
REPORT OF THE ROYAL COMMISSION.

RUGBY, February 23rd.

The report of the Royal Commission on National Health Insurance has been completed, and will be issued shortly. The terms of reference of the Commission were to inquire into the scheme established by the National Health Insurance Acts (1907 to 1925) and to report any alterations, extensions or developments that should be made. The scheme is on a contributory basis of weekly payments by employees and employers, being augmented by Treasury contributions.

Benefits are administered and contributions paid through approved societies of which the employees are members. When the first valuation was made some years ago, it was found that in societies representing a membership of nearly 16,000,000 insured persons there was a total surplus of over £17,000,000, and in the remaining 407 societies, with a membership of 300,000, there was a deficiency of about £250,000.

The second valuation is now nearing completion, and it is stated that the aggregate surplus will probably exceed £20,000,000. These surpluses are at present disposable at each valuation in two-thirds, in the form of additional benefits, the other third remaining in the funds of the approved society, as a reserve against contingencies. In view of its wide area of reference the recommendations of the Commission are attained with much interest.

MISSING TRAWLER.

THREE SURVIVORS BELIEVED
AWAITING RESCUE.

RUGBY, February 23rd.

Although the Irish Free State Air Force is continuing its search for survivors of the missing trawler *Cardigan Castle*, off the West Coast of Ireland, its efforts have not, so far, proved successful. Bad weather has impeded flying, but five aeroplanes are waiting at their base at Oranmore to take advantage of any weather improvement.

It is believed that three survivors are awaiting rescue on a small island, and a Government fishing patrol boat has made several unsuccessful efforts to land, their boat being driven back on each occasion by heavy seas.

THE INDIAN NAVY.

NATIVE COMMISSIONS TO BE ONE
IN THREE.

RUGBY, February 23rd.

Lord Winterton, Under Secretary for India, stated in the House of Commons that the proportion of commissions to be held by Indians in the Royal Indian Navy was one in every three, provided suitable Indian candidates were forthcoming. The detailed proposals for training were contained in a report published in India which would shortly be placed in the Library of the House. These proposals would receive further consideration.

Lord Winterton stated also that the Secretary of State for India had given effect to the recommendation of Lord Esher's Committee that greater latitude should be given to the Governor-General of India-in-Council and to the Commander-in-Chief in India in matters affecting the internal military administration in India.

DAME BRIDGEMAN'S NEW POST.
TO BE PRESIDENT OF CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATIONS.

RUGBY, February 23rd.

Dame Caroline Bridgeman, wife of Mr. W. O. Bridgeman, First Lord of the Admiralty, will be unanimously elected President of the Central Council of the National Union of Conservative Associations at the annual conference, to-morrow.

Dame Bridgeman will be the first woman to occupy this office, which is of considerable political importance.

HOUSE OF LORDS.

REFORM BEING CONSIDERED BY
GOVERNMENT.

RUGBY, February 23rd.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Baldwin stated that the whole question of reform of the House of Lords was being carefully explored by the Government, whose proposals would be presented some time before the end of the present Parliament.

OUR PRINCES AND INDUSTRY.

RUGBY, February 23rd.

The Duke of York, continuing his round of visits to important factories, paid a surprise visit to-day to the silk works of Messrs. Courtauld. His Royal Highness was shown the spinning, weaving and dyeing processes and was greatly interested.

The Prince of Wales will to-morrow pay a visit to the British Industries Fair at Birmingham.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

FRANCE IN SYRIA.

FORMER REBEL'S PROCLAMATION.

PARIS, February 23rd.

Le Matin publishes the text of a proclamation issued by Ramadan Shallah, the Syrian rebel and ex-Turkish general, who recently submitted to the French Authorities.

Shallah urges his countrymen to become themselves and hearken to General De Jouvenel, who holds out his hand to every good Syrian patriot, and thus puts into force France's liberal principles.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

SIR AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN'S
SPEECH AT BIRMINGHAM.

RUGBY, February 23rd.

Sir Austen Chamberlain received a remarkable ovation when the Freedom of the City of Birmingham was conferred upon him to-day.

In acknowledging the honour done him by his fellow-citizens, he made reference to his work as Foreign Secretary. He declared that foreign affairs should never be a matter of party politics, for to evolve a common factor out of the diverse temperaments of the many different nations must of itself tax the energies of any politician. He urged his listeners not to be disappointed if a controversy broke out over Germany entering the League of Nations and over the place of Germany in the league. For his part, he was convinced that if the same men who met at Locarno could meet and discuss the new problem they would be able practically to deal with it.

In conclusion, Sir Austen Chamberlain said he would ask that his public work should be judged by two efforts for the cause of peace, namely, the work which he did for the Irish Treaty and the part he played in the Treaty of Locarno.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

BRAZIL'S CLAIM.

RIO DE JANEIRO, February 23rd.

The Foreign Minister has made a statement re-affirming Brazil's claim to a permanent seat on the League of Nations Council. He says that Germany's assumption of the right to enter the Council alone is absurd, and adds that Brazil does not aspire to hegemony but is simply actuated by the increasing influence of the League.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

MORE OBJECTIONS TO INCREASE OF SEATS.

RUGBY, February 23rd.

The constitution of the League Council was discussed at a largely attended non-party meeting of the League of Nations Parliamentary Committee, which numbered over 400 members at the House of Commons last night. The following resolution was unanimously adopted: "That this committee views with grave apprehension the proposal that a special meeting of the League of Nations Assembly be convened for the single purpose of electing Germany to membership of the League and to a permanent seat on the Council in accordance with the understanding reached at Locarno, and should be made the occasion for further fundamental changes in the constitution of the Council. The Committee is of the opinion that there are grave objections to any further enlargement of the Council, and urges the British Government to offer strenuous opposition to any such changes at the present time."

The subject was introduced by Mr. H. A. L. Fisher, former representative of the British Empire at the League meetings, and ex-Liberal Minister, and the resolution was moved by Sir Ellis Hunt, Wiltshire (Conservative) and seconded by Mr. Tom Shaw, the ex-Labour Minister, amongst those supporting it being Lord Phillimore, the authority on international jurisprudence.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON'S IDEALS.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE ON HIS
BROAD OUTLOOK.

WASHINGTON, February 23rd.

President Coolidge, speaking at the National Educational Association Anniversary of George Washington's birth, paid a tribute to the latter's broad outlook, and declared there was nothing about him of the small American.

He believed our political institutions were superior to other countries, but never preached hatred against all things foreign, and made large concessions in the negotiation of treaties for the settlement of disputed questions.

Washington believed obligations should be mutual, and what we expected to receive we should be ready to give, both in the field of citizenship and international relationship. He clung to realities. That was his greatness.

President Coolidge did not mention Washington's farewell advice to avoid entangling alliances, which Mr. Kellogg stressed earlier in the day.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SLAVES IN BURMA.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THEIR
RELEASE.

RANGOON, February 23rd.

Arrangements have been made to release nearly all the slaves in the Hukawng Valley. The owners are well satisfied with the price for the redemption of captives many of whom are remaining with their masters to whom they have become attached.

It is hoped that the expedition will convince the Naga Chiefs of the Government's determination to stamp out slavery and human sacrifice.

Details of the scheme referred to above are given in the following India Office Memorandum, which forms Annex XXX (B) to Appendix II. of the Final Report of the Delegates of India to the Sixth Assembly of the League of Nations, 1925, published in the *Gazette of India*, dated January 16th, 1926.

In January, 1925, the Governor of Burma visited the Hukawng Valley in the neighbourhood of the Burma Frontier, where slavery still exists in certain tracts not under the administration of the Government of India. As an alternative to taking the tracts under direct British administration with all the attendant expense and difficulty, the Government discussed with the local Chiefs the question of emancipating the slaves by a system of redemption and was able to secure the Chiefs' consent to certain proposals, namely:—

1.—A price to be fixed for each class of slave—man, woman or child. On payment of this the slave to be at once made free, to be allowed to cultivate and to have the same position as other free men.

2.—The price to be recovered from the slave by easy annual instalments.

3.—Certain objectionable practices to cease at once, viz., the selling of slaves, the giving them away as part of a marriage dowry or in settlement of blood-feuds, etc., and the breaking up of families of slaves.

In order to give effect to the proposals, a British officer made a tour in the valley about two months later and reported that its population numbered some 10,000 souls, of whom, roughly, one-third were slaves. Generally speaking, he believed, after seeing 50 per cent. of these slaves, that they led a fairly happy life and that ill-treatment by masters was not usual, but the ignominy attached to being a slave was always present, and, having no rights, the slave was exposed to domestic and other injuries without any hope of redress. The proposal made by the officer, and since approved by Government, is that the slaves shall be ransomed by paying their masters on an average about Rs. 60/- for each slave, according to age, and recovering the amount by easy instalments from half the total number of slaves no recovery being made from the other half as an inducement to them to remain of their own free will in the valley. That they should so remain is desirable since, if they quitted it on a considerable scale, the inhabitants of the valley might be left without the necessities of life and suffer dire distress.

A free gift of the ransom will also be made to all slaves who are poor by reason of physical or mental infirmity and to all single women and orphan children.

The cost of ransoming half the slaves and forgoing all repayment is estimated at about Rs. 125,000, but this sum is not considered a heavy price to pay if it be regarded as a final settlement of the problem of emancipating these slaves without creating strong local resentment.

Both to those leaving the valley and those remaining in it, advances will be made at nominal interest to enable them to work their land.

It was at first proposed that the redemption of the slaves should be completed by 1st January, 1926, but it has now been decided by Government that every effort should be made to complete it by the end of April next.

An important proposal which has also been sanctioned is that a British officer shall visit the valley every year and pay special attention to the liberated slaves and see that they are not made to suffer any hardships.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE CANTON SITUATION.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMISSIONER
TO INVESTIGATE.

PEKING, February 23rd.

The Waichiaopu this afternoon telegraphed the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs at Canton, instructing him to investigate the Customs affair.

FORTY STEAMERS NOW IDLE.

CANTON, February 23rd.

Forty steamers are idle as the result of the closing of the port.

The Canton Government at present does not give any sign of complying with the Customs' Commissioner's requirements. The Chinese appear delighted at the check given to the Strike Committee's illegal acts.

Over a dozen piracies of foreign steamers occurred in the Pearl River in the past few months, the latest being two seizures while the vessels were lying anchored at Whampoa, within a few hundred yards of the Military Academy.

THE NORTHERN WAR.

REPORTED ASSASSINATION OF
WU PEI FU.

PEKING, February 23rd.

The evening vernacular papers carry a report received from Kuominchun circles to the effect that Wu Pei Fu was assassinated at Hankow by Hupeh troops on the occasion of a memorial service to Hsiao Yao Nan.

Commenting on the report, the papers say that such rumours are often circulated by interested parties in war-time, but the dead nearly always soon come to life.

[Our Chinese correspondent informs us that on inquiry in quarters more or less connected with activities in the North and Central China, no confirmation had been received of the report of the assassination of Wu.]

ANOTHER CABINET CRISIS.

PEKING, February 23rd.

It is reliably reported that Chia Teh Yao, the War Minister and acting Premier, submitted his resignation to the Chief Executive this evening because the latter was unwilling to counter-sign a mandate against Chang Tung Chang, although he did not object to the appointment of the new Tupan of Shan-tung without impeaching Chang.

This development has created a crisis in the Cabinet, the members of which are divided, some thinking that Chia has unduly pressed an unnecessary point, while others contend that Tuan Chi Jui should have bowed to the wishes of the Cabinet.

There are other indications of the declining morale of the Kuominchun; the leaders of which are therefore urging Feng Yu Hsiang to take command of all the Kuominchun armies.

THOUSANDS SLAUGHTERED AND FOOD
CONFISCATED.

PEKING, February 23rd.

A later message from Hankow states that Mr. Chapin has released all the Americans at Hsin Yang, except two, namely, Dr. Skinsness, who voluntarily remained to attend to Chinese wounded, and another too ill to be removed.

Some of the released remain at Chi Kung Shau, but the others went on to Hankow. The latter tell a tale of horror, pillage, looting, rapine and murder.

Civilians were slaughtered in thousands. Troops confiscated all the remaining food, and the civilian population are dying of starvation.

One American mother escaped from the city and lived in a cabin for three days without water.

Other reports confirm that the Hupehites have not taken the city. Their intention, apparently, is to reduce the city to state of starvation, owing to their shortage of ammunition.

The meeting of the Tariff Sub-Committee has been postponed until to-morrow.

(Other Cables on Page 4.)

PARTING GIFTS.

PRESENTATIONS TO MR. AND
MRS. J. REID.INTERESTING FUNCTION AT
TAIKOO.

At the Taikoo Club last night the presentation of parting gifts to Mr. J. Reid (manager of the Taikoo Dockyard and Engineering Company of Hongkong), on the occasion of his retirement, and to Mrs. Reid, were made. Mr. and Mrs. Reid leave for Home on March 6th, on the P. & O. s.s. *Mantua*.

There were two farewell gifts to Mr. Reid, one from the European staff of the Taikoo Dockyard and one from the members of the Taikoo Club, while Mrs. Reid was the recipient of a gift from the Dockyard staff.

The gift to Mr. Reid from the European staff of the Dockyard consisted of a decorative illuminated address, signed by the members of the staff. This address was encased in a silver mounted blackwood box, suitably inscribed, and was bound in dark grey suede. Its pages contained 54 pictures of Hongkong life and scenes (including shipping, street scenes, and views), beautifully hand painted in water colours by Mr. J. Dineley, a member of the staff, with the borders artistically painted.

The gift from the Taikoo Club was a silver writing set; while that from the Dockyard staff to Mrs. Reid was a blackwood table, inlaid with silver, and a blackwood reading lamp.

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

Mr. G. M. Young (President of the Taikoo Club) who presided, said he very much appreciated the honour of the invitation to act as Chairman of the gathering that evening. Their object was to express to Mr. and Mrs. Reid by speech, song and dance their great regard and appreciation of both of them.

It was 18 years since Mr. and Mrs. Reid came to Taikoo, and Mr. Reid had therefore been connected with the Dockyard since its opening. He was appointed dockyard manager in 1910, and, notwithstanding the scarcity of labour and other troubles that attended the running of a new establishment, they were all pleased to see that he successfully overcame them and on his departure would leave a highly organised and efficient dockyard. Undoubtedly, the loyalty and keenness of the staff all working harmoniously had brought about this good result.

Mrs. Reid had upheld her husband in all the social duties falling to them with great success, and pleasure to all who had been present. They were leaving Hongkong with all their best wishes for a long and pleasant future, wherever they might settle down. (Applause.)

CLUB'S PARTING GIFT.

Mr. D. Templeton (Manager of the Taikoo Sugar Refinery and Vice-President of the Taikoo Club) in presenting the silver writing set, the parting gift of the Taikoo Club to Mr. Reid, said it was his privilege, on behalf of his fellow members of the Taikoo Club, to ask Mr. Reid to accept the token showing their esteem and appreciation for his interest in the Club and its activities over the many years gone past.

Whilst conceding to others a greater ability towards more fulsome expression they conceded to no one a greater sincerity. His pride in the position he was in that evening was tinged with sadness as the occasion marked the severance of a close personal association with Mr. Reid and he could say, an association with never a cloud, even the size of a man's hand, appearing on the horizon.

They regretted Mr. Reid's going from among them, but rejoiced that he was going to a happy reunion with his family in the Motherland.

This memento was not given with any pretension of their feelings being judged on intrinsic value, but that it might serve as a reminder throughout the years to come (and might they be many) of those years of happy memory spent in Quarry Bay.

Might Mr. and Mrs. Reid be long spared to enjoy their retirement. They said *Adieu* and not Good-bye, as they looked forward to seeing them again.

"May the wee mouse ne'er leave your meal-kne" was a tear in his eye," concluded Mr. Templeton. "These are our fervent wishes." (Applause.)

MR. REID'S REPLY.

Mr. Reid replying, thanked the members of the Taikoo Club for their very handsome gift. He appreciated the gift very much and felt it was from the heart of the members of the Club. He had always taken a great interest in the Club, but he had not been there as often as he would have liked to have been. He had always been very proud of it, and in all the games they played, they had always played the game. He was very sorry to be leaving them and would have joined in their games more often, but something always seemed to come in the way. There was a feeling of comradeship in the Club, and there was no more hospitable a place in Hongkong. It owed a lot to the womenfolk and without them it would have been a very dull affair. He had been proud of them. He hoped and trusted that the Taikoo Club would continue to flourish. Their gift would recall happy associations with the Club and his days in Hongkong. In future years he would look at it and think of the Taikoo Club. (Applause.)

The Company then sang "For he's a jolly good fellow" and gave cheers for Mr. Reid.

GIFT TO MRS. REID.

The duty of presenting the gift of the Taikoo Dockyard staff (a blackwood table and blackwood reading lamp) to Mrs. Reid was entrusted to Mr. T. Grimshaw, one of the oldest members of the staff.

In making the presentation, he said his duty that evening was a simple and pleasant one. It was, he thought, in the latter part of 1908 that Mr. and Mrs. Reid came out to them. Some 18 months later, and on Mr. Foster Nicholson's retirement, Mr. Reid took up the managership. It was his privilege on Mr. Nicholson's retirement and in that building to make to him and his sister a presentation on the behalf of the Dockyard staff. As then, so now that presentation was made to mark their esteem and loyalty.

Mrs. Reid had been with them in Quarry Bay for about 17 years, and so shared the troubles and pleasures of such a long residence there.

In those trying and anxious days following the great war, Mrs. Reid and the ladies of Quarry Bay helped in no small measure to make the name of Hongkong truly respected. He considered the men had every right to be proud of the work then done by their womenfolk not only in Quarry Bay, but also Hongkong in connection with those great schemes for raising funds for the hospital and the wounded, that was so ably carried out by the "Heather Day" and "Our Day" Committees, and many other kindred societies. He was sure that Mrs. Reid's life amongst them and in Hongkong had been a very happy and full one. They were glad to think she was leaving Hongkong in the full enjoyment of health, and could rejoice with her on the happy re-union that awaited her with her sons, John and Hunter and her daughter, Marguerite.

As in the course of the evening they would be hearing something about the work done by Mr. Reid during the past 17 years, he took it as his right to point out that there was one important part of ship building which Mrs. Reid had done, that Mr. Reid had never done in Quarry Bay, viz., launching ships.

Mr. Reid had built ships, but never launched any. They remembered that on the 18th November, 1919, Mrs. Reid launched the standard steamer *War Bugler* also that on the 18th August, 1923, she launched the s.s. *Hung Cheong*. Her daughters, Molly and Dorothy, would also long remember that part in launching the Hongkong Government rescue tug *Kow Sing* and the C.N.O. tug *Taipei*.

In conclusion, and in asking Mrs. Reid's acceptance of their gift they also wished her to accept their respects and best wishes that went with it, and that in the pleasant years that were before her their token might remind her of many happy days spent in Hongkong. (Applause.)

Mrs. Reid suitably replied.

DOCKYARD'S FAREWELL.

Mr. K. E. Greig (Chief Engineer of the Taikoo Dockyard) presented Mr. Reid with the farewell token from the members of the Dockyard staff, and said it was a pleasure, mixed with sorrow, to make the presentation. Although he was not one of the old brigade, he could claim to have known Mr. Reid for many years and had been closely associated with him. He would always look back upon his 17 years' association with him with the greatest pleasure.

Mr. Greig then read the inscription on the gift and also the wording of the address, which were as under:—"To James Reid, Esquire, from the European Staff of the Taikoo Dockyard & Engineering Co. of Hongkong, Ltd., Hongkong, Hongkong, 23rd February, 1926."

"Sir, in view of your approaching departure from the Colony, entailing a termination of your stewardship for over 17 years, the European staff desire to place on record the respect and esteem in which you are held."

"As Manager of the Taikoo Dockyard, your personality and deep interest in the welfare of the staff at all times will ever remain a cherished memory in the minds of those who have served under you."

Your record in shipbuilding in this outpost of our great Empire is a most enviable one, and those who have been associated with you, realise, and duly appreciate the great amount of hard work, perseverance, and responsibility which, in face of many difficulties, has materially helped to raise the art of shipbuilding in Hongkong to the high standard it holds to-day."

"It is with feelings of deep regret that the staff say good-bye, but they are happy in the knowledge that your well-earned rest is the outcome of faithful service, and they sincerely trust that you, with your wife and family may reach Home in safety, and may long be spared to enjoy the reward of health, happiness and prosperity which you so well deserve."

In handing the illuminated address to Mr. Reid, Mr. Greig said everyone had signed it with the greatest sincerity and also the greatest sorrow. He and the other members of the staff wished Mr. and Mrs. Reid the best that one could possibly wish. (Applause.)

Mr. Reid suitably replied, and expressed his sincere thanks for the way in which the Dockyard staff had always worked and the loyalty they had shown him.

THE SOCIAL SIDE.

Between the speeches selections were given by Mr. Norton's orchestra, and an excellent and very enjoyable programme was contributed by Mrs. R. K. Duncan, Mrs. G. H. Stewart, Miss Russell, Mr. W. Johnston, Mr. R. M. Keown, Mr. G. H. Stewart and Mr. Whyte (songs), and Mrs. Duncan and Mr. Keown (duet). A dance followed.

INTIMATIONS

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE OF THE VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD PROPERTY Situate and being Section A, B, C, and the remaining portion of Kowloon Marine Lot No. 84 and a moiety of Kowloon Permanent Pier No. 4 TO BE SOLD BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEES BY PUBLIC AUCTION ON WEDNESDAY, THE 24th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1926, AT 3 O'CLOCK P.M. IN ONE LOT.

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Particulars and Conditions of Sale may be had from—Messrs. DEACONS, Vendors' Solicitors, 1, Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong, 11th February, 1926. [3179]

PUBLIC AUCTION

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TO BE SOLD IN TWO LOTS BY PUBLIC AUCTION ON FRIDAY, THE 5th DAY OF MARCH, 1926, AT 8 O'CLOCK P.M.

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For further Particulars and Conditions of Sale, Apply to—Messrs. JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER, Prince's Buildings, Hongkong, or to Mr. E. V. M. R. DE SOUSA, The Auctioneer, Hongkong, 23rd February, 1926. [3225]

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.

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IN TWO LOTS BY Mr. E. V. M. R. DE SOUSA, Auctioneer, AT THE CHINA AUCTION ROOMS, No. 4, DUDDELL STREET, HONGKONG, ON TUESDAY, THE 9th DAY OF MARCH, 1926, AT 3 O'CLOCK P.M.

For further Particulars and Conditions of Sale, Apply to—Messrs. GEO. K. HALL BRUTTON & CO., Mortgagees' Solicitors, St. George's Building, Chater Road, or to Mr. E. V. M. R. DE SOUSA, Auctioneer, No. 4, Duddell Street. Dated the 22nd day of February, 1926. [3218]

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CABLES.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

TRADE FACILITIES ACT.

DURATION OF THE BILL TO BE EXTENDED.

LONDON, February 22nd.

After a prolonged debate, which was closed at two o'clock in the morning, the House of Commons adopted by 157 votes to 55 a money resolution authorising the introduction of a Bill extending the duration and loans of the Trade Facilities and Overseas Trade Acts.

Mr. MacNeill, in introducing the motion, said to the end of 1925 over £33,000,000 had been guaranteed under the Trade Facilities Act and he estimated that by the end of the financial year £38,000,000 would be guaranteed by the total of £70,000,000 authorised by the present Bill. He asked for an increase of the total to £75,000,000.

LATER.

The House of Commons debate centred mainly on the Government's refusal to grant credits to Russia which provided the Labour members with material for an attack.

Mr. A. M. Samuel replying amid considerable interruption said that Russia's favourable balance in trade with Britain during 1924-25 totalled £15,000,000 which had probably been spent in other countries. Russia was now coming asking for further credit to free her balance and enable her to buy goods from our competitors. To lose money with a customer once was a disaster, but to lose it again with the same customer was a stupidity.

POPE'S PROTESTS.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN VATICAN AND THE GOVERNMENT.

Rome, February 22nd.

"Now that the Government is legislating on matters divinely reserved to the Holy Father, the latter is unable to recognise such competence except by agreement with him." This phrase epitomises a letter from the Pope to Cardinal Gasparri and emphasises the recent differences between the Vatican and the Government regarding proposed ecclesiastical legislation.

His Holiness says that priests participating in the Ministerial Commission which drafted the proposals did so without a mandate from the Holy See and were unaware of what principles were involved or what modifications were intended. The Pope considers it incredible that Catholics of Rome itself should embark on far reaching legislation to the Catholic Church of Italy without prior consultation with the sovereign Pontiff. The letter concludes by declaring that no negotiations for agreement could take place while the iniquitous conditions imposed upon the Holy See and the Pope continue to exist.

ITALY'S POLICY.

IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH AUSTRIA AND GERMANY.

LONDON, February 22nd.

A remarkable change has come over Italo-German and Italo-Austrian relations during the past few days as a result of reciprocal explanations by the heads of the three Governments according to the Daily Telegraph's diplomatic correspondent, who says Signor Mussolini has assured the Austrian Chancellor that he never intended an invasion of Austrian soil. The latter has repudiated the intention of violating the St. Germain Treaty and similar reassurances have been made with Germany.

It is now in no wise improbable that when Germany's application for admission to the League comes up at Geneva in March, Italo-German collaboration may be very much in evidence.

PERSIA AND RUSSIA.

AGREEMENT FOR JOINT USE OF WATERWAYS.

Moscow, February 22nd.

A mixed Perso-Soviet Commission has signed an agreement for joint use of the waterways between Russia and Persia.

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

SPANISH AVIATOR.

TO TERMINATE FLIGHT AT BUENOS AIRES.

New York, February 22nd.

A message from Mar del Plata, Argentina, says that the aviator Franco has been ordered by the Spanish Government to terminate his flight at Buenos Aires. After a brief visit to Monte Video he will embark for Spain.

NO ALLIANCES.

AGAINST THE U.S. GOVERNMENT'S PRINCIPLES.

PHILADELPHIA, February 22nd.

"The United States, through long experience, has come to the conclusion that offensive or defensive political and military alliances are not in harmony with the principles of our Government or the interests of our people," declared Mr. Kellogg at a ceremony at Pennsylvania University in honour of the first President of the United States.

Mr. Kellogg said that such a principle did not mean isolation or a refusal to co-operate with other nations in non-political activities for the advancement of science, education and commerce.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE.

New York, February 22nd.

President Coolidge has resumed his duties having practically recovered from his heavy cold.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE SCOUT MOVEMENT.

SHANGHAI LEADER DECORATED FOR BRAVERY.

LONDON, February 22nd.

Sir Robert Baden Powell has awarded a bronze cross, the highest award a Scout can receive, to Patrol Leader Alexander Lamchouch, of Shanghai, for risking his life while assisting the French police in the capture of an armed robber.

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

CHIEF SCOUT'S BIRTHDAY.

Rugby, February 22nd.

Sir Robert Baden Powell, Chief Scout, received five hundred messages of greeting on the occasion of his birthday. He is 69 to-day. Sir Robert is convalescing after a breakdown.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

THE SINGAPORE BASE.

NO CONTRIBUTION ASKED FROM INDIA.

LONDON, February 22nd.

In the House of Commons, Mr. J. Scurr (Labour) asked whether the Government of India had been asked to contribute towards the cost of the construction and maintenance of the naval base at Singapore and, if not, whether it was proposed to ask for such a contribution. The Earl of Winterton replied to both parts of the question in the negative.

GERMANS IN MEXICO.

TRADE SAMPLE FAIR TO BE OPENED.

VERA CRUZ, February 22nd.

A number of German merchants and industrialists headed by Dr. Grieme, General Secretary of the Berlin Chamber of Commerce have arrived with many samples of German workmanship and intend to open a sample fair in Mexico City.

INDUSTRIAL TROUBLE.

AGREEMENTS DENOUNCED BY NORWEGIAN EMPLOYERS.

OSLO, February 22nd.

A dark cloud has suddenly appeared on the industrial horizon due to the employers' denouncing all agreements terminating on March 1st affecting 35,000 workers in the engineering, building, timber and textile trades. The peace-makers are getting busy.

AUSTRALIAN BUSH FIRES.

BLAZES EXTINGUISHED BY RAIN.

MELBOURNE, February 22nd.

Considerable relief is felt that rain has extinguished many of the bush fires. Others are smouldering.

DANGER AVERTED.

SYDNEY, February 22nd.

According to latest reports from Wagga Wagga the efforts of the fire fighters have averted the danger threatening the Tumbarumba mountain district.

SHIP'S FIRE EXTINGUISHED.

BREIT, February 22nd.

The fire on board the s.s. Bolton has been extinguished.

FOOTBALL AT HOME.

DRAW FOR THE SIXTH ROUND OF ENGLISH CUP.

LONDON, February 22nd.

The draw for the sixth round of the English Cup competition, which is to be played off on March 6th, resulted to-day as follows: Clapton Orient v. Manchester City. North Forest v. Bolton W. Swansea v. Aston Villa or Arsenal. Fulham v. Sunderland or Manchester United.

LEAGUE RESULTS.

DIVISION I. Leicester, 3; Newcastle, 2.

DIVISION II. Stoke, 1; Preston, 3.

Wednesday, 2; Middlesbrough, 0.

DIVISION III (SOUTH). Luton, 3; Northampton, 2.

Merthyr, 2; Swindon, 1.

DIVISION III (NORTH). Rotherham, 5; Ashington, 1.

LAWN TENNIS.

AUSTRALIA NOT TO COMPETE IN DAVIS CUP.

MELBOURNE, February 22nd.

It has been decided that Australia will not send a Davis Cup team this year.

LOCAL SPORT.

ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

BOOEY POOL.

Playing at Fanling, 20th-22nd February.

I. H. Gears, 1 up (wins). Other scores: F. A. Redmond, 1 down. A. D. Humphreys, 3 down. W. L. Dunbar, 3 down. T. C. Monaghan, 3 down. 28 entries.

CRICKET.

INTER-FACULTY MATCH.

The following will be the teams in the Arts v. Engineering Inter-Faculty match to-day, on the University Pavilion ground at 9 p.m. sharp:—Arts—Mr. B. P. Ng (captain), Dr. Pensonby Fane, Messrs. H. N. Balhatchet, A. S. Hett, T. E. Yeoh, H. Y. Leong, S. Hachwama, W. Hong Sling, E. Zimmer, J. Noronha and S. V. Gittins.

Engineering—Mr. W. M. Gittins (captain), Prof. M. H. Roffey, Prof. F. A. Redmond, Messrs. H. C. Hunt, J. L. Youngs, C. O. Shahabudin, T. W. Cheong, I. Tajima, A. Hoalim, Hazland and A. Suleiman.

H.K.C.C. v. KOWLOON.

The following have been selected to represent the Club in the 1st XI League match on Saturday, the 27th inst., at home, v. Kowloon:—R. H. B. Hancock (captain), A. C. Bowker, A. W. Hayward, H. Owen Hughes, G. P. Lammer, E. J. R. Mitchell, R. E. H. Oliver, H. V. Parker, T. E. Pearce, H. O. Sheldon, and F. N. Young.

INTERPORT RUGBY.

HANKOW WIN AGAINST SHANGHAI.

Hankow defeated Shanghai in the Interport Rugby football match at Hankow on Wednesday last by 20 points to eight.

Hankow led at half time by 1 goal, 2 tries (11 points) to nil, and the final score was: Hankow 3 goals, 3 tries (30 points); Shanghai 1 goal, 1 try (8 points).

PUNJAB SPORTS.

It is announced in the current Command Orders that the 5/2nd Punjab Regiment will hold their annual sports meeting, to-morrow on the U.S.R.C. ground, Kowloon. The sports will begin at 9 p.m. The programme includes an open event, British, 1 mile and an open event, Indian, half mile.

THEATRE ROYAL.

ITALIAN SOPRANO'S RECITAL.

There was a large audience at the Theatre Royal last night, when a musical recital was given by Signora Hilda Maria Vallarino, the famous Italian Operatic dramatic soprano, assisted by Senora Consuelo de Guzman (contralto); Mr. Harry Ore, in solos on the piano; Mr. H. Edwin Gardner, tenor; and Mr. Frederick Mason, A.R.C.O., L.T.C.I., who was the accompanist.

The Signora found the heart of the audience with each piece she sang. She is, assuredly one of the finest sopranos that has ever been heard in Hongkong. Her contributions were Puccini's "Un bel di vedremo" (Madama Butterfly); Bellini's "Norma" (Casta Niva), Massenet's "Elixir of Love" ("Voi che sapete" (Figaro), Verdi's "O ciele azzurri" (Aida) and Saint-Saens' "Mon Coeur s'ouvre a ta Voix" (Samson et Delilah).

Mr. Harry Ore's contributions were of the usual excellence. They were Etude in F Sharp (Arensky); Lullaby in A (H. Ore); Valse Capricieuse (Vianna da Motta); Country Gardens (P. Grainger), and Rossini-Liszt's Overture, "William Tell."

Senora Consuelo de Guzman proved herself to be an "excellent singer. She sang Bizet's "In-van-per evita" (Carmen), and a duet, Verdi's "Pu la sorte dell'armi" (Aida) with Signora Vallarino.

Mr. H. Edwin Gardner sang Puccini's "Seconda" (Armonia) (Tosca), and also combined in a delightful duet with Signora Vallarino.

CHINA'S RAILWAY REVENUES.

(ASIATIC NEWS AGENCY.)

The British Legation has protested to the Government against the forcible retention of the revenues of the Peking-Mukden, Tientsin-Pukow and Taokow-Tsingtau Railways by Chinese militarists in violation of the loan agreements. In view of the present political chaos, however, the Central Administration is perfectly helpless against the military leaders. In this connection, a Tientsin despatch indicates that following the example of his chief at Mukden, General Chang Tsung Chang has declared the "Independence" of the section of the Tsin-Pu Railway in Shantung and has appointed his own director for the Lin-cheng-Tschow line.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

CRICKET TEST MATCH.

M.C.C. DRAW WITH DEMETERA.

GEORGE TOWN, February 22nd.

The return match between the M.C.C. and Demetera resulted in a draw. The scores were: M.C.C. 285 and 124 for 2.

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RUMOUR QUARREL IN THE GOVERNMENT.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

The Kuomintang Government is stated to be divided on the Customs questions in Canton. It is hinted that General Chiang Kai Shek is blaming Mr. Wang Ching Wei and Dr. C. C. Wu, Mr. T. V. Soong and others responsible for directing the strike and boycott for not having exercised sufficient control and given proper advice to the pickets. It is stated, however, that General Chiang was in favour of taking over the Native Customs within 30 days of Swatow, the thing which first called for drastic action from Peking regarding the Canton situation.

A mass meeting of all classes, especially all labour, farmers and student unions under the auspices of the Kuomintang, was to meet yesterday to petition the Kuomintang Government to take over the Customs, and urge all Chinese employees of the present Customs administration to leave at once under a promise that all doing so will not only be installed in similar positions and receive whatever benefits attached to them, but be offered the added inducement of promotion in the Customs service, the Kuomintang Government is asked to institute. Whether or not the meeting would be largely attended and the petition acted upon, was not known when this was being written.

One night last week a gang boarded the Chinese Merchants s.s. *An Ping* near Macao Forts, in Canton harbour, and carried away the Chinese master of the vessel. The outrage was attributed to boycott pickets, but the boycotters say it must have been the work of pirates. [Surely a distinction without a difference.—Ep.]

A CANTONESE PARTY FROM SHANGHAI. Word has been received that the Kuomintang agents in Shanghai are proposing to bring a party of Cantonese back to Canton on a visit in order to look into the progress being made there. Of course, the Shanghai Cantonese, when expressing willingness to accept the Kuomintang invitation, were unaware of the virtual closing of the port by the Customs authorities, or of the conflicts between Canton workers and the Customs authorities when the former tried to enter the Customs premises on the Bund on the evening of February 21st, and other disturbing reports since the decision of the Peking Customs authorities to tolerate the Canton strike picketing situation no longer.

POSTAL SERVICE TO CANTON.

As no steamers are running to Canton the mail service by that means is interrupted, but the General Post Office is making an effort to transmit by the railway route letters superscribed "By Train." The Postmaster-General has communicated with the Postal Commissioner in Canton with a view to the latter facilitating the transmission of mail matter from the frontier onwards.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

[BEFORE THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR HENRY GOLLAN.]

A SERIOUS EVIL IN THE COLONY.

The Criminal Sessions concluded before the Chief Justice yesterday, when four Chinese were charged with conspiracy to rob, and with possession of arms.

Mr. T. M. Haslerigg prosecuted for the Crown.

The first and third defendants pleaded guilty and the other two not guilty.

All four were sentenced to two years' imprisonment with hard labour on the first charge, and the Crown did not press the charge of possession of arms against three of the defendants. The first defendant had pleaded guilty to the charge, and was sentenced to five years' imprisonment with hard labour, his sentence to run concurrently.

In passing sentence, His Lordship remarked that the possession of arms had become a serious thing in the Colony, and the only way in which he could try to extirpate the evil was by passing heavy sentences on the delinquents.

FRESH TROUBLE IN EAST RIVER DISTRICTS.

CHAN KWING MING'S ADHERENTS AGAIN ACTIVE.

[FROM A CORRESPONDENT.]

Apart from the sudden appearance of a large number of bandits in the East River Districts, which have already become a menace to traffic and commerce, alarming reports of the invasion by Chan Kwing Ming's troops of the districts poured into Canton during the week end.

In some quarters it is said that General Ho Ying Yum has declared his independence at Swatow and severed relations with the Canton Government whilst others have it that a section of the troops belonging to the First Army Corp under General Chiang Kai Shek has mutinied against their leader and that General Ho was shot. Other reports went so far as to state that Marshal Wu Pei Fu is supporting Chan Kwing Ming to invade Kwangtung and that General Ngai Bong Ping is marching at the head of a large Northern Army in the direction of the East River Districts from the Northern border.

Although the reports have not been confirmed in official circles there were during last week-end extensive troop movements along the Canton-Kowloon Railway in the Chinese territory. Martial Law has been proclaimed at Sheklung whilst the districts of Wang Lek and Chang Muk Tau through which the C.K.R. runs are heavily reinforced with troops from Canton.

The latest report states that Lieutenant-General Yung Fai Ting, Chan Kwing Ming's follower, stealthily left the town of Ng Wah, attacked Ho Yuen and Kan Yam Kok and finally occupied Ping Shan and Sam Dor Chuk, with 6,000 men. The District Magistrates appointed by the Canton Government have all fled and the Government offices including police stations, revenue depôts, etc., have been seized by Chan's soldiers.

When the report reached Waichow the whole city was in a state of confusion. Gates were immediately closed and heavily guarded with troops. People entering or going out of the city are subjected to more careful, if not rigorous, search. Communication between Ho Yuen and Waichow is entirely suspended.

To cope with the situation Garrison Commandant Wang Mow Kung has hurriedly left Canton with 5,000 soldiers for Tung Klu, Shek Lung, Po An and Sham-ching. The First, Second and Third Divisions of the First Army Corp under General Chiang Kai Shek have also been ordered to Sheklung. It is estimated that, so far, the various units leaving for the East River Districts number upwards of 50,000 men.

Judging by the activities of the troops and the warlike preparations it seems as if something extraordinary has happened in the East River sector and that another big war is imminent in that region.

A CHINESE SYBARITE LIVED RIOTOUSLY AT HIS EMPLOYERS' EXPENSE.

A Chinese, employed at the office of the Export Import and Bank Company, Asiatic Buildings, was charged at the Central Magistracy yesterday with having stolen 28 silver watches and six platinum watches, the property of his employers on July 10th, 1925. Following the theft he had absconded and had only recently been arrested.

Inspector Follen said that defendant had pawned the silver watches for three dollars each, and the platinum watches for sixty dollars each. He had, however, destroyed the pawn tickets. One watch only had been recovered, that being a silver watch.

The Inspector also said that since the theft the defendant had lived a riotous life on the proceeds of the stolen property. Defendant said that he was badly pressed for money whilst the strike was on, and the comrades had refused to advance him money. He had, therefore, to raise the money by stealing the watches, and had then run away.

Mr. F. Hille, a representative of the Company, said that a few days before defendant absconded, he had been given a month's wages in advance by the company.

Defendant was sentenced to four months' imprisonment with hard labour.

FUNERAL.

MRS. E. S. GUBBAY.

The funeral of Mrs. K. S. Gubbay took place yesterday, at the Jewish Cemetery, Happy Valley. The ceremony was a simple one, there being no flowers by request.

The Rev. I. Elias officiated. The chief mourners were Messrs. D. S. Gubbay, C. S. Gubbay, A. S. Gubbay, and J. S. Gubbay, sons.

Deceased also left two daughters, Mrs. D. M. Nissim and Miss Gubbay, and one granddaughter, Miss Muriel Gubbay.

Amongst those present at the funeral were Messrs. Ho Fook, Ho Kom Tong, Ho Kwong, Ho Ki, Ho Yu, Ho Wing, H. H. Priestley, S. H. Dutton, Mr. M. Montargis, and the Jewish community were well represented.

SANITARY BOARD.

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF COLONY'S WATERS.

REGULAR INSPECTION ESSENTIAL.

An important subject discussed at the meeting of the Sanitary Board yesterday afternoon, was the question of routine bacteriological examination of the potable waters of the Colony.

This was introduced by Dr. W. V. M. Koch, who pointed out the urgent necessity for a regular examination of the waters, with a view to preventing, especially in the summer months, the possibility of an epidemic outbreak. He urged that it was essential that steps should be taken by the Government, either by increasing the bacteriological staff or by relieving the Government Bacteriologist of some of his duties, to provide for such examination as he suggested being regularly and systematically carried out, a matter impossible at the present time with the Government Bacteriologist fully occupied.

In view of the importance and urgency of the matter, Dr. Koch brought forward a motion requesting the authorities to give directions for a bacteriological examination of the potable waters of the Colony at not less frequent intervals than once a week.

Mr. N. L. Smith (President of the Sanitary Board) was in the chair, and others present were Dr. W. V. M. Koch, Dr. S. W. Tso, Mr. Wong Kwong Tin, Dr. W. W. Pearce (Medical Officer of Health), and Mr. D. Davies (Secretary). Also present were Lt. Col. Boylan Smith, Dr. J. C. Macgowan, Mr. D. W. Tratman and Mr. R. A. D. Forrest.

Dr. Koch referring to his motion, said it would be in the recollection of the Board that on the 12th of January he put certain questions to the President concerning the examination of the drinking waters of the Colony, which he (the President) was authorised to answer.

His first question was: "Was it not advisable that such examinations should be made once a week?"

The answer given to that question was that weekly examination of the waters would be advantageous.

His second question was: "Could not, in view of this, the Authorities take steps to have this done?"

The answer given was: "The increase of the staff of the Bacteriological Institute is under consideration."

FREQUENT EXAMINATION NECESSARY.

He could quite understand that one did not wish to rush the hands of the Government in such a matter, but it struck him that apart from the necessity of more clinical examination of the waters, especially at the present time when there was the change of seasons and they would have, they hoped, heavy rains, the chances of the water becoming contaminated was very much greater, and therefore, it became absolutely necessary that more frequent examination of the water should be made. The ordinary clinical analysis of the water was not of much use and it did not seem to be of much advantage that this should be made as against a bacteriological examination. A lot might happen in one month between the examinations of the water. Infection might be spread and an epidemic might easily arise, such as typhoid.

One did not wish to appear to be advising or suggesting to the Government department too much, but he personally thought that if the bacteriologist was relieved of some of his work he might be able to devote more time to the examination of the drinking waters of the Colony. He quite saw that the bacteriologist was very hard worked and that he could not manage to tackle adequately all the work he had in hand, but if such an institution as the Public Moratorium were removed from his care and duties were removed from another medical supervision and given to another officer, say the police surgeon or a pathologist, then the bacteriologist would have that time to devote to other work. He knew that at present this sort of work took up a large amount of the bacteriologist's time, and that when the occasion arose a lot of his time had to be taken up by attending at the police courts and supreme court. All that took him away from his court. All that took him away from his court. All that took him away from his court.

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OUTWARD BOUND.

PASSENGERS FOR HONGKONG ON P. & O. BOATS.

The following passengers are booked for Hongkong on the P. & O. s.s. *Morca*, which left London on January 29th and is due here on March 5th:—Miss Anderson, Mr. J. F. Black, Baroness Clifton, Mr. N. M. and Mrs. Corcos, Mr. and Mrs. N. Chadderton, Mr. D. B. Clark, Mr. F. B. Crockett, Mr. C. Chadderton, Miss Duncan, Miss F. de Lusignan, Master R. de Lusignan, Mr. W. Gilliam, Mr. C. P. Goodman, Miss Hunt, Mr. E. S. Hine, Mr. A. E. and Mrs. Hewlett, Mr. Edgar N. and Mrs. Hill, Rev. W. and Mrs. Jennings, Mr. J. K. and Mrs. Jolly, Mr. A. and Mrs. Jennings, Capt. W. G. H. and Mrs. Miles, Comdr. R. B. T. Mills, Mr. H. T. Ommund, Mr. H. E. and Mrs. Rogers, Mr. A. Riach, Mr. J. Richards, Mr. P. and Mrs. Richardson, Miss Richardson, Mr. S. S. Shephard, Mrs. J. T. Smalley, Mr. and Mrs. Un.

Passengers booked for Hongkong by the P. & O. s.s. *Derwentia*, which left London on February 12th include:—Mrs. A. Bradford, Mr. D. H. and Mrs. Farrar, Mr. A. S. and Mrs. Hinchliffe, Mr. C. Pain, Lt. Col. and Mrs. Spencer. On the *Macedonia*, which leaves London on February 28th are the following passengers for Hongkong:—Mr. A. H. Browne, Mrs. R. E. Lindell, Mr. W. R. Mansfield, Miss G. Pickering, Mr. L. P. and Mrs. Lane, Mr. and Mrs. Ross, Mr. C. L. C. and Mrs. Sanders, Mr. W. J. Willson, Mr. A. W. Wright.

TRAFFIC CASES.

SEVERAL EUROPEANS SUMMONED.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday before Major C. Willson, several Europeans were charged with contravening the traffic regulations.

Mr. Tourner Eugene, of the Repulse Bay Hotel, was fined \$5 for riding a motor-cycle at an excessive speed in Wong Nei Cheong Road.

Mr. A. May, of the Hongkong Electric Company, admitted a charge of having driven a motor-cycle in Kennedy Road without a permit on February 9th. A fine of \$5 was imposed.

Mr. G. H. M. Bauman, of the Hongkong Electric Company, was fined \$5 for leaving his car off the stand in Pedder Street.

Mr. A. F. F. Raven, architect, gave evidence in a case in which a Chinese was charged with driving to the danger of the public at Queen's Road East. The defendant was fined \$10.

Mr. D. H. Jones gave evidence in a case in which a Chinese motor driver was charged with failing to report an accident. His motor-car had knocked down a cyclist in Queen's Road. Defendant was fined \$15 and ordered to pay \$5 to the cyclist.

Government. Far from it, they (the Board) only wished to help them, and as an advisory Board they wished to show the Government they only wanted to give them any assistance they could in the important work.

Dr. Koch, pursuant to notice, then moved the resolution that stood in his name, that:—

"This Board is of opinion that the routine bacteriological examination of the Potable Waters of the Colony should be made at not less frequent intervals than once a week, and respectfully requests that the Authorities give directions accordingly."

Dr. Macgowan, in seconding the motion, said he agreed with what had been said, and certainly thought that once a month for the examination of the waters was not enough. Disease could be spread very quickly. This matter was one that required immediate attention. One could not say but that in the summer they might have another epidemic and it was very important and highly essential that the water should receive more regular examination, as Dr. Koch had suggested. In this question of staff he thought the Bacteriologist could be relieved of a certain amount of work which was not exactly in his province. The work he was doing at present took up a lot of his time and a great deal of it was the work of a pathologist, which they had not got. The Mortuary work could be carried out by a pathologist. If the Government intended increasing the staff, he thought a pathologist would not be a very useful addition to the medical staff of the Colony.

Dr. Koch, in replying to the motion, said he was not at all surprised that Dr. Macgowan should have said that. He was not at all surprised that Dr. Macgowan should have said that. He was not at all surprised that Dr. Macgowan should have said that.

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C. F. V. RIBEIRO,

Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 23rd February 1926. [3229]

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Company's Offices, P. & O. BUILDING, on FRIDAY, 12th MARCH, 1926, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1925, and electing Directors and Auditor.

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Hongkong, 23rd February, 1926. [3231]

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 3rd MARCH, 1926, until WEDNESDAY, 17th MARCH, 1926, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

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General Managers.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1926. [3228]

NOTICE.

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PAUL LAUDER,

General Manager.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1926. [3233]

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Hongkong, 23rd February, 1926. [3230]

ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE.

WORK will be Resumed on MONDAY, 1st MARCH. There will be an Entrance Examination for New Boys (Boarders and Day Boys) at Prospect Place, Bonham Road, at 9.30 a.m. on FRIDAY, 26th FEBRUARY.

W. H. HEWITT, M.A., B.A.,

Warden.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1926. [3222]

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C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

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C. B. BROWN,

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By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

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HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

THE LISTS of the DRAW in All Events are Now Posted in the Pavilion.

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By mutual consent Any Tie in the 1st and 2nd Rounds of Events 1, 2 and 3 may be played off on Grounds other than the Cricket Ground.

L. S. GREENHILL,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 22nd February, 1926. [3223]

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By Order of the Board, W. F. SIMMONS, Secretary.

Hongkong, 16th February, 1926. [3202]

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at CHAT. HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 27th FEBRUARY, 1926, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st DECEMBER, 1925.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 1st FEBRUARY, to SATURDAY, the 27th FEBRUARY, 1926 (both days inclusive), during which Period No Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors, A. H. BARLOW, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 8th February, 1926. [3160]

UNION WATERBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Offices of Messrs. DODWELL & COMPANY, LIMITED, on THURSDAY, the 4th MARCH, 1926, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st DECEMBER, 1925.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 2nd FEBRUARY to 4th MARCH, 1926. Both Dates Inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD., General Managers.

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HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL SHOW OF FLOWERS AND VEGETABLES will be held at VOLUNTARY HEADQUARTERS on THURSDAY, 11th MARCH, 1926.

ENTRIES will DEFINITELY CLOSE at 1 P.M. on MONDAY, 1st MARCH, 1926, at the Hon. SECRETARY'S Office, but intending Exhibitors are Requested to SEND IN THEIR ENTRIES AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

Schedules have been sent to all Members who have paid their Subscription for the Current Year.

MEMBERS who have not yet paid their Subscription and ALL THOSE who wish to join the SOCIETY are Requested to Send \$5 Immediately to the Hon. SECRETARY, Mr. E. B. C. HORNELL, c/o Messrs. JARDINE, MATTHEWS & CO., LTD., Hongkong, 17th February, 1926. [3203]

NORTH CHINA INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

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By Order of Court of Directors, C. M. G. BURNIE, General Manager.

Shanghai, 3rd February, 1926. [3188]

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SCHARFF.—At Shanghai, on February 17th, to Mr. and Mrs. O. SCHARFF, a daughter.

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 24th, 1926.

THE RUBBER OUTLOOK.

THE public all the world over has heard a good deal in recent months about the price of rubber. Since Mr. Hoover began to thunder against Britain's rubber "monopoly" (ignoring the unrestricted export of rubber from Netherlands Indies) we have seen the price of the commodity come tumbling down, and with it of course the rubber share market. To what extent this is a case of cause and effect it is not easy to determine. One obvious explanation of the fall in price, is that by the end of January the Stevenson restriction scheme in the British rubber-growing Colonies had worked itself out, and there is now no effective restriction of export. What the exact effect of this will be on output cannot readily be determined, and, in this state of uncertainty we are told that "hand to mouth purchases" and widespread publicity of grandiloquent schemes for developing supplies are among the weapons freely used in the greatest consuming country to depress the price of rubber. It is, however, obvious to anybody who knows anything about the cultivation of rubber that new plantation schemes cannot affect the production of rubber in the next five or six years in the slightest degree. Experts in the rubber producing world therefore, are not greatly disturbed by the decline in the share and commodity markets during the

past month or so. Firm confidence appears to exist in the future of rubber. If the forecasts of production and consumption which are made by the experts form any reliable guide, the supply of rubber will fall below the demand from next year onward for several years to come. Again, glancing over a long list of forward contracts made by estates in Malaya for 1926, it would seem to be very unlikely that shareholders will see lower returns on their investments this year than they have had for 1925; for a great deal of rubber appears to have been sold forward at rates above the present price of the commodity and one may conclude from this that the average buying rate for 1926 looks like being fully equal to, if not greater than, that for 1925.

While it is not unlikely, that the propaganda of Mr. Hoover and the American tyre manufacturers has had a marked influence on share values, it is difficult to see how it can effect the price of the commodity. The fact that American interests have recently acquired some large estates in Sumatra does not increase the world's supply in the least; it simply means a change of ownership of existing sources of supply. By owning plantations, tyre manufacturers of the United States may be able to get their supplies cheaper than by buying in the open market—or they may not. There has been nothing to prevent American rubber consumers becoming themselves rubber producers, except their own disinclination to go in for rubber planting. They are not, however, wholly absent from the rubber growing world. Indeed, the largest individual rubber plantation in the world is said to be the United States Rubber Company, but on the other hand the Dutch Indies is acquainted with other American enterprises which have been abandoned as unremunerative. Mr. HARVEY FINSTON, when he appeared last month before the Committee of the House of Representatives at Washington which has been inquiring into the operation of the British restrictions upon the export of rubber, and other "Government controls" of raw materials, laid before the Committee a pamphlet entitled "America should produce its own rubber" and a long typewritten statement describing his inquiries in the Philippines and Central and South America, the various obstacles to fruitful capital investment he had found there, and his final decision to turn to Liberia where he paints a picture of a million acres under cultivation in the indefinite future. Well, the experience may teach Mr. Finston a great deal that he does not know at present about rubber planting.

The rainfall during the past two days registered at the Royal Observatory 1.82 inches to 2 p.m. yesterday.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday, a Chinese was fined \$12 for attempting to export \$136 to Macao.

Mr. Morita, the new Japanese Consul-General in Canton, comes from Bangkok, where he was Chargé d'Affaires of the Japanese Legation.

A collision occurred between two motor-cars at Stubbs Road on Monday. Slight damage was done to both cars, but no one was injured.

A Chinese coolie was arrested on Monday in a match at Aberdeen in connection with the murder of a coolie in Moon Street, Wanchai, last week.

The next Home mail is due on Saturday by the s.s. Derfflinger. The mail is coming via Negapatam and contains letters only, dated London, January 29th.

Four electric fans belonging to the South China Athletic Association, have been stolen from the 7th floor of the China Building. The fans are valued at \$200.

A number of Chinese cigarette dealers, were charged at the Central Magistracy yesterday, with failing to renew their licences. Fines ranging from \$2 to \$10 were imposed.

A Chinese woman attempted to commit suicide by jumping into the harbour near Pitt Street, Yau-mai, on Monday. She was rescued and taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

The race book for the Hongkong Jockey Club's annual Race Meeting next week has now been published by Messrs. Noronha & Co. The book shows that 40 stables have 101 ponies for the races.

Owing to the Engineer Co., H.V.D.C., being scheduled for Musketry Part I. at Stonecutters on Sunday next, the Reconnaissance Walk planned is postponed until the following Sunday, March 7th.

Among the candidates nominated in connection with the forthcoming election for the Shanghai Municipal Council, is Brig.-Gen. E. B. Macnaghten, C.M.G., D.S.O., a director of the B.A.T., and who used to be in Hongkong.

Two strikers crossed over into British territory on Monday and were arrested by the police. The two men were formerly employed in Hongkong. They stated that in Canton they were given two meals a day, and 60 cents a month for pocket money.

Another Reel Practice in connection with the annual ball of the St. Andrew's Society, which takes place at the City Hall, on Friday night, was held at the City Hall last evening. There was again a good attendance and both an interesting and enjoyable time was spent.

The Kowloon Children's Dramatic Society, known as "The Little Mimmers" are giving a new and original version of "Cinderella" at the Star Theatre, Kowloon, on the afternoon of March 10th in aid of Dr. Barnardo's Homes. These children have been trained by Mrs. Gay Cumming and those who have seen the rehearsals are loud in their praise of the children's capabilities. Some of the children; it is said, are proving themselves to be very clever actors.

News has reached the Colony of the death at Dumbarton on Saturday last Mrs. Isabella Campbell Bell, wife of Mr. William D. Bell, of 14, Stanley Terrace, Quarry Bay. The late Mrs. Bell left Hongkong in April last year, going home with her husband who recently returned here from leave. Mrs. Bell was to rejoin Mr. Bell here later. In addition to her husband, the deceased leaves two sons in the Colony and a son and daughter at home, with whom the deepest sympathy is felt. Mr. Bell has been resident here for about eighteen years.

This evening at nine o'clock there will be an invitation concert given at the St. John's Cathedral Hall by the pupils of Mr. Frederick Mason, A.R.C.O., L.T.C.L. (organist at St. John's Cathedral). The programme of fourteen items, includes piano solos, songs, concerto at the piano (for two players) and arias, as well as a choral prelude. Those taking part, besides Mr. Mason himself, will be Miss Dorothy Stone, Mrs. Minney, Miss May Ung, Mrs. Mather, Miss Ruby Mow Fung, Miss Minnie Robinson, Mrs. Bellamy, Miss Phyllis Gillingham, Margaret Groce, Elsie Ma, Rosie Ponsonby and Pearl Ogilvie.

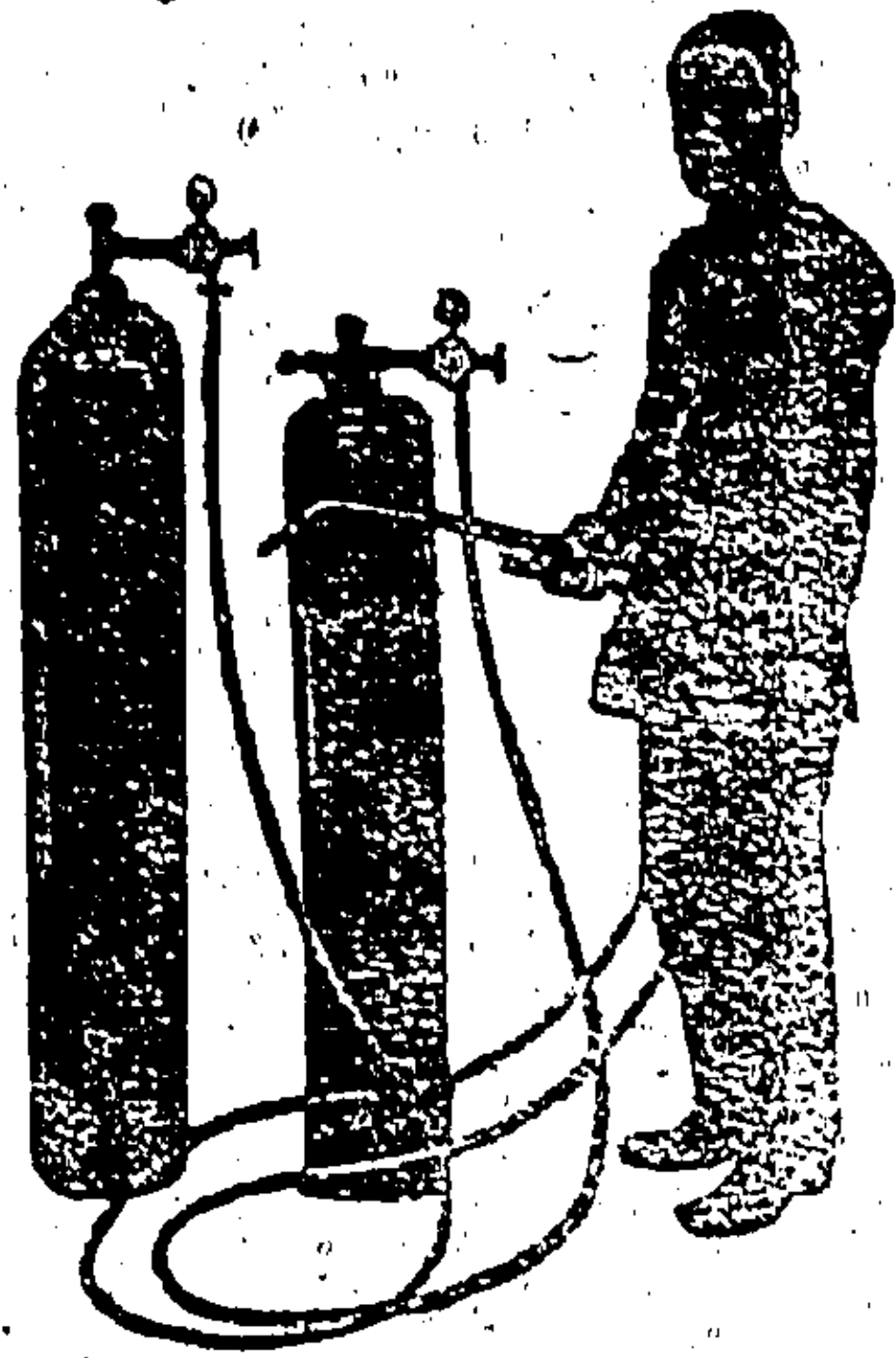
FAILURE TO APPEAR. INTERESTING DEVELOPMENT IN WING ON CASE.

There was an interesting development in the case in which three Chinese are charged with attempting to defraud the Wing On Company of \$50,000 and interest at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon. One of the three men, who was on bail, failing to appear when the case was called.

At the previous hearing the men were allowed bail in \$10,000 cash and \$10,000 security each. It appears that the second defendant Fok Chun Yuen, described in the case as being at one time a sub-manager of the Man Fat Company, raised his bail and was released, while the others did not find bail, and remained in custody. It was when the case was called for the purpose of further remanding the defendants that the second defendant was found to be missing.

Mr. Lindsell remanded the other two defendants until to-day, and asked Sub-Inspector Fallon if the missing defendant could be found.

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AUSTRALIA'S ANNIVERSARY.

COMMEMORATING THE FOUNDATION OF THE SETTLEMENT.

In a leading article on Australia's Anniversary Day—January 26th—the *Sydney Herald* says:

It is a curious extravagance for a country to have to admit to, but there can be no denying the fact that Australia has no fewer than three birthdays. On the 26th of January, 1788, she was founded as a settlement; on the 1st of January, 1901, she was born as a nation; on the 15th of April, 1915, she won her spurs of nationhood and was accepted into the comity of nations as an equal and a sister.

But, admirable as are the associations of the 1st of January, and sacred as are those of the 15th of April, the event whose anniversary we celebrate to-day, in its historic and national significance, must ever be the greatest—and in some respects the most sacred—of the three.

For if it were not for what happened then the events which subsequently made the other two red-letter days in our calendar clearly could not have happened at all. There is, moreover, a further reason which makes this birthday of our race noteworthy above the birthdays of all other nations whatsoever. We are the only people on the face of the globe who can lay our finger upon one particular date in the calendar of history and say of it: "Upon that day we came into existence, not only as a people, but as a country; and before it neither we nor our country were." There are many "Foundation Days" and similar festivals, but none the equal of our own.

The people of the United States, for instance, regard the 4th of July as their birthday, but long before the signing of the Declaration of Independence there were Americans. Their anniversary merely celebrates a political change, such as the 1st of January does with us; our Anniversary Day celebrates not only an episode in history, it celebrates the actual coming into being of a new nation and a new land. Captain Arthur Phillip and his little band of adventurous souls literally founded the nation to be known as Australia, and occupied for the first time the land which was to be known as Australia. In view of that unique fact it is right indeed that we should ever regard the anniversary of that remarkable occasion as the day most fitting to be honoured of all the days of our year.

Anniversary Day has always been celebrated with great zest in this State, and probably always will be so honoured. Certain events have come to be so closely associated with it that the mention of the day itself immediately refers the mind to those events as a matter of course. The cricket match between the States of New South Wales and Victoria is invariably arranged to be played upon Anniversary Day; the Anniversary Handicap, at Randwick, has been run upon that date for very many years; and the regatta is held then, too, upon the waters of Port Jackson. Of these three events the greatest, the most historic, and the most significant is the last. The Anniversary Regatta is unique among the sporting events of the world, even as Anniversary Day itself is unique. Almost might one use the old legal term, and say of it that the memory of man runneth not to the time when it was not. We might spare the cricket match; we might spare the Handicap; but Anniversary Day without its regatta would be as much of an anomaly as the play of "Hamlet" without the character of the Prince of Denmark.

MR. BERLIN AND HIS BRIDE.

A MILLION ENOUGH TO LIVE ON.

REPLY TO FATHER-IN-LAW.

All America was last month gossiping about the romance of Mr. Irving Berlin, the Jewish song-writer who on January 5th married without the consent of her parents Miss Ellen Mackay, the daughter of Mr. Clarence H. Mackay, the multi-millionaire.

But though Mr. Berlin's career is an amazing one it is not less amazing than the rise of the Mackay family to social and financial pre-eminence in New York, for the founder of their fortunes went there as an Irish labourer unable to read or write and joined the gold-rush in California, where he struck a mine which yielded more than \$20,000,000.

Mr. Berlin, who is 37, is credited with an income of more than \$100,000 a year from his songs and musical comedies. He started life as Izzy Baline in a cabaret in Chinatown, where he was employed as a singing writer by a negro, Mike Salter.

His first great success was "Alexander's Ragtime Band" and "Everybody's Doing It," of which more than 2,000,000 copies were sold. While serving as a soldier in the great war he wrote "Yip, Yip, Yaphank," in which song "Oh, how I hate to get up in the morning" was a feature.

When Miss Mackay was nacked off to Europe by her irate father Mr. Berlin thought he had lost his love, and wrote one of his greatest hits, "What'll I do, when you are far away and I am feeling blue?"

He followed this with "Remember the night you said 'I love you.' Remember, remember."

Before the Registrar he gave his father's name as Moses and his mother's as Leah Lipkin. He said he was born in Russia.

He is now worth more than \$1,000,000, and, as he says, "That's enough for Clarence Mackay's daughter or any other woman to live on."

THINKERS AND DOERS.

THE GREAT NEED FOR MANUAL INSTRUCTION.

Ways and means of improving the relation of technical instruction to other forms of education and the industry were discussed at the recent educational conference in London.

In his contribution to the discussion, Dr. H. Schofield, principal of the Loughborough Technical College first referred to the out-of-date regulations now governing technical education and to the desire among those interested in that kind of training for a Government inquiry into technical education and its relation to industry. Before proceeding with such an enquiry the Board of Education wanted evidence of a desire on the part of industry to co-operate in it. He was convinced from his own relation with industry, that at the present time industry was really and vitally interested in the question, but only in a unitary kind of way. It was not an organised interest, and, as yet, did not find adequate external expression.

Referring to the need for a revision of existing conditions, Dr. Schofield spoke of the changed requirements of industry as evidenced by the completely altered conditions relating to apprenticeship, and the existence of work-schools and other schemes by which various firms sought themselves to give technical instruction to their employees. To further their aim it was the duty of local education authorities to interest employers in their areas in the subject of technical education and of technical colleges to show that they could provide useful instruction. He thought industry would be found to be sympathetic towards forms of further education for those connected with it.

Mr. C. L. Bryant, an assistant master at Harrow School, said the suspicion with which technical instruction and all vocational teaching was held was well founded. The best craftsmen were not obtained by teaching them only their craft. It was also true that if a child was taught only those things which had no connection with his immediate interests the effect was to engender distrust and dislike of all learning. The chief aim in providing technical instruction in secondary schools should be to assist a general education. A national as well as an individual interest was served by the teaching of handicraft. Much of our social unrest, as Ruskin foresaw, was due to the separation of the thinkers from the doers. Distrust between these classes, and a feeling of the inferiority of labour, even among the labourers themselves, were all too prevalent. Manual instruction in his opinion, could do much to restore the sense of the dignity of labour, on which the happiness of all must rest.

MEN WHO GAMBLE—AND WHY.

Dr. F. Aveling, M.C., Ph.D., D.Sc., Reader in Psychology, University of London, writing in a London paper says:—

There is a proposal to tax betting for national revenue. By some it is sternly opposed on the ground that betting is gambling and that gambling is wrong.

But—morals apart—why do we bet? Why do we want to gamble?

Wager, lottery, premium bond—these are but samples of games of chance which, in some form, are played by nearly every human being. At the other end of the scale from the throw of a die for a fortune is the game of patience played against herself by the lonely maiden lady.

The truth of the matter is that the desire to gamble is inherent in the human heart. All men who are men take chances. No other creature than man gambles. But, then, no other creature smiles. And desires, it is plain, are not necessarily inordinate. Indeed, but for desires—and desires that may go wrong—no action would ever be achieved. The world would be the consequent of the actions of the individuals alone the common weal depends.

Desire is rooted in instinct. It is to instinct we should accordingly look for explanation of gambling—to an instinct as fundamental and as inevitable as that of self-preservation itself, though possibly in a derived and disguised form, for it is the instinct that makes for all that is best in the evolution of the race. Columbus gambled—and won America.

Every business man who takes risks, everyone who insures his life or property, gambles against the "average," and stakes his premiums on the working of laws which, in his case, are absolutely unpredictable. He may want to win—or to lose. He can give excellent "reasons" for what he does, and calls it "prudence"—which it doubtless is. But it is only a more sublimated form of pure chance betting; just as the crude chance bet itself is an attenuated form of self-assertiveness, without which, in some form or other, no progress would be possible.

A well-known author has written: "Perhaps the born gambler is the man in whom the gambling instinct is strong, the boarding instinct weak, in whom, therefore, the satisfaction of winning far outweighs the pain of losing; while the miser is he in whom the hoarding instinct is unduly strong." Perhaps it is so, for these instincts play their part in preservation. But gambling seems rather to be a symbol of assertiveness—the gambler pitting himself against all the machinery of fate.



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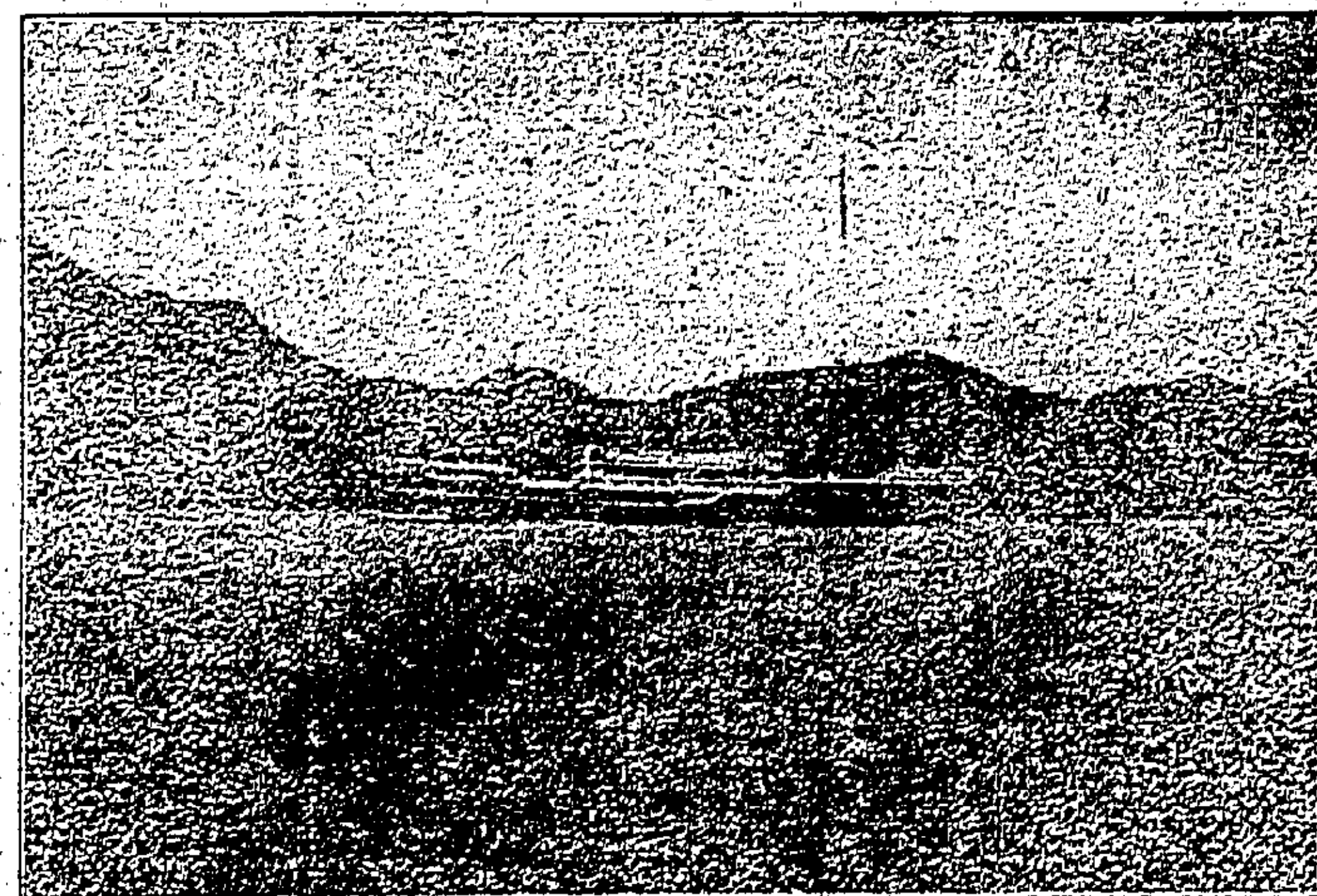


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CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each Consignment will be sorted out by Mark and Delivery can be obtained as the Goods are landed. Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions have been given to the contrary six hours before arrival of the Steamer. Goods not cleared within 8 days, including date of arrival will be subject to Rent. No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee, and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Gossard & Douglas, at 10 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, within the Free Storage Period. All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underinsured on or before the 12th March, 1926, or they will not be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown. **MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & CO.,** Agents. Hongkong, 20th February, 1926. [3217]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.
AND
CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer "TALYBUIR" are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will lie at Consignees' risk and subject to Terms and Conditions of Storage at Holt's Wharf. The Cargo will be ready for Delivery from Godown on and after 20th February.

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No Fire Insurance will be effected. **BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,** Agents. Hongkong, 20th February, 1926. [3215]

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All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underinsured on or before the 12th March, 1926, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. **BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,** Agents. Hongkong, 20th February, 1926. [3216]

SHIPPING NEWS

ARRIVALS.

February 22nd.

Automedon, British str., 4,732 tons, Capt. Owen Jones, from Shanghai, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A3-B & S.

Dakar Maru, Japanese str., 4,394 tons, Capt. T. Takase, from Hamburg and Singapore, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A24-N.Y.K.

Toukin, French str., 846 tons, Capt. F. L. Morvan, from Haiphong, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C39-M.M.

February 23rd.

Ceylon Maru, Japanese str., 2,993 tons, Capt. T. Takahata, from Moji, with a general cargo lying at Kowloon Wharf-N.Y.K.

Fau Sang, British str., 1,231 tons, Capt. C. A. Robertson, from Tientsin and Shanghai, with a general cargo, lying at West Point Wharf-Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Hanoi, French str., 730 tons, Capt. L. J. Cruchet, from Haiphong, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C15-M.M.

Linan, British str., 1,336 tons, Capt. J. E. Richards, from Shanghai and Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B9-B & S.

Mishima Maru, Japanese str., 7,904 tons, Capt. Y. Masuzumi, from Yokohama, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf-N.Y.K.

Munsterland, German str., 3,364 tons, Capt. W. Hinneke, from Singapore, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf-Jensen & Co.

Nereid, British str., 1,594 tons, Capt. J. A. McNeill, from Shanghai, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A10-B & S.

Taketo Maru, Japanese str., 4,597 tons, Capt. K. Fukuda, from Kobe and Manila, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A25-N.Y.K.

CLEARANCES.

February 23rd.

Apoc, for Saigon.

Automedon, for Singapore.

Ceylon Maru, for Singapore.

Chenan, for Amoy.

Gingo Maru, for Moji.

Hai Ning, for Swatow.

Kuichow, for Chioo.

Kuichow, for Bangkok.

Mishima Maru, for Manila.

Munsterland, for Takao.

Taketo Maru, for Keelung.

CHINA COAST CHANGES.

The following are the latest China coast changes:

Mr. G. P. Cope, has signed off the *Chihai* as 2nd mate.

Mr. P. Mackenzie, *Benhanglung*, has gone 1st mate of the *Confucius*.

Mr. A. H. Mills, has signed off the *Hutchow* as 3rd mate and has gone 2nd mate of the *Suechow*.

Mr. W. Lee, has signed off the *Apoc* as 2nd mate.

Mr. J. Ternel, *Tungistan*, has gone 1st mate of the *Gorgistan*.

Mr. G. Mitchell, *Seistan*, has gone 2nd engineer of the *Gorgistan*.

Mr. B. Souza, *Tungistan*, has gone 3rd engineer of the *Gorgistan*.

Mr. R. Atkinson, has signed off the *Kaying* as 3rd mate.

Mr. John S. de Wolf, has signed off the *Hutchow* as master and has gone master of the *Kuichow*.

Mr. J. A. Smith, *Pong Tong*, has gone 2nd mate of the *Apoc*.

Mr. P. R. Purslow, *Kuichow*, has gone master of the *Chenan*.

Mr. L. M. Barlett, *Frankfeldt*, has gone 2nd mate of the *Chenan*.

Mr. H. Russell, *Sui Sang*, has gone 4th engineer of the *Yuen Sang*.

Mr. W. W. Brown, has signed off the *Kuichow* as 2nd engineer.

Mr. S. W. Harrison, *Tungchow*, has gone 1st mate of the *Kuichow*.

Mr. J. S. K. Oliver, 1st ship, has gone 6th engineer of the *Kuichow*.

Mr. R. J. Nicoll, *Chihai*, has gone 2nd engineer of the *Kuichow*.

Mr. R. F. Stephens, *Kuichow*, has gone master of the *Kuichow*.

SHIPPING NOTES.

The master of the s.s. *Seichuen* (British) from Shanghai reported to the Harbour Office yesterday that a small derelict junk was passed in Lat. 28° 25' N., Long. 120° 45' E., just awash.

The master of the s.s. *Yuen Sang* (British) from Osaka and Kobe reported that an overturned junk was sighted en route, but position and time of passing was not stated in the report.

The master of the s.s. *Hakozaki Maru* (Japanese) from Middlesborough and Singapore reported to the Harbour Office yesterday that between London and Gibraltar, two sailors on duty were missed.

The *Straits Gazette* states that the ticket of Capt. W. Lane has been returned to him. The certificate was suspended for three months in connection with the collision between the steamships *Murella* and *Canus* on October 24th.

The official notice in the Harbour Office, with regard to the closing of the port of Canton, reads: "Information has been received from Canton that the Chinese Maritime Customs Authorities at that port are withholding the issue of permits for shipment and discharge of cargo until further notice."

Two American stowaways were found on board the German steamer *Emu* *Kordor* on her arrival at Singapore from Yokohama. The offenders were handed over to the Marine Police.

Dock passengers entered for the twenty-four hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday, numbered 200, the biggest entry being one of 124.

HONGKONG SHIPPING.

Yesterday's shipping statement showed that the total number of vessels in the harbour at 9 a.m. was 63, of which 30 were British.

For the twenty-four hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday, there were twelve arrivals, viz., six British, one German, one Dutch, one French and three Japanese. Over the same period there were ten departures, these being six for Shanghai, two for Singapore, one for Moji and one for Haiphong. There were also two clearances, one for Amoy and one for Shanghai.

CARGO ENTERED.

(During 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday.)

For Hongkong 6,953 tons

For ports beyond 33,840 "

Total 40,793 "

(During previous 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. on Monday.)

For Hongkong 7,759 tons

For ports beyond 19,622 "

Total 27,381 "

Of the cargo entered for Hongkong, no less than 4,580 tons were brought by British vessels. The largest entries were 2,220 tons of oil and 1,300 tons of general cargo, both carried in British vessels, the remainder of the entries made being all under one thousand. The heaviness of the cargo for ports beyond was accounted for by three particularly heavy entries, two Japanese vessels entering 10,000 tons and 8,847 tons respectively, and a German vessel 6,368 tons. Another Japanese steamer had an entry of 4,743 tons for ports beyond; one British vessel, 2,210 tons and two British steamers carried over a thousand tons each.

The arrivals for the twenty-four hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday were as under:—The s.s. *City of London* (British) from Tientsin and Shanghai with mail and 1,500 tons of general cargo for ports beyond; the s.s. *Automedon* (British) from Daini and Shanghai with 134 tons of general cargo, mail and 2,210 tons for ports beyond; the s.s. *Yuen Sang* (British) from Osaka and Kobe with 717 tons of general cargo, mail and 674 tons for ports beyond; the s.s. *Kendal Castle* (British) from New York and Manila with 45,000 cases (2,200 tons) of oil and 23,000 cases (1,700 tons) of oil for ports beyond; the s.s. *Seichuen* (British) from Shanghai with 350 tons of general cargo and mail; the s.s. *Linan* (British) from Shanghai and Amoy with 1,300 tons of general cargo and mail; the s.s. *Albert Vogler* (German) from Miri with 307 tons of general cargo, mail and 6,368 tons for ports beyond; the s.s. *Vulcanus* (Dutch) from Tientsin with 300 tons of benzine; the s.s. *Toukin* (French) from Haiphong with 700 tons of general cargo and mail; the s.s. *Hakozaki Maru* (Japanese) from Middlesborough and Singapore with 339 tons of general cargo, mail and 8,847 tons for ports beyond; the s.s. *Dakar Maru* (Japanese) from Hamburg and Singapore with 170 tons of general cargo, mail and 10,000 tons for ports beyond; the s.s. *Mishima Maru* (Japanese) from Japanese with 563 tons of general cargo, mail and 4,743 tons for ports beyond.

Later arrivals, too late for entry in the above returns, included the s.s. *Munsterland* (German) from Miri with 2,065 tons of general cargo, mail and 8,668 tons for ports beyond; the s.s. *Taketo Maru* (Japanese) from Kobe with 113 tons of general cargo, mail and 5,181 tons for ports beyond; the s.s. *Ceylon Maru* (Japanese) from Yokohama and Moji with 334 tons of general cargo, mail and 4,480 tons for ports beyond and the s.s. *Hanoi* (French) from Haiphong with 300 tons of general cargo and mail.

WITHIN CALL.

The following vessels are expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong to-day:—*President Jefferson*, *Kum Sang*, *Hakozaki Maru*, *President Taft*, *Hai Ning*, *Kuichow*, *Mishima Maru*, *Automedon*, *Munsterland*, *City of London*, *Hakozaki Maru*, *Kanchow*, *Altai Maru*, *Hozan Maru*, *Bintang*, *Tziliwang*, *Luacheng*, *Oura Maru*, *Sanuki Maru*, *Gerdia*, *May Sang*, *Glenamoy*, *Ganges Maru*, *Yubae Maru*, *Min*, *Amagishi Maru*, *South Africa*.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

The following vessels are in Dock:—*Kowloon Dock*: *Fasset*, *Tungistan*, *Seistan*, *Haitan*, *Siang Wo*. *Tatko Dock*: *Huichow*, *Chenan*, *Sunang*, *Huran*. *Commerce Dock*: *Ling Nam*. *At Kowloon Bay*: *Haifong*, *L. Onawa*, *Sun On*.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

Denmohr (Den Line), due to-morrow.

Empress of Asia (C.P.S.), due February 27th.

Shirala (B.I. & Apear), due to-morrow.

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, February 23rd.				
	Previous Day	On Date	On Day	
	at 2 p.m.	at 6 a.m.	at 3 p.m.	
Barometer	30.00	30.11	30.16	
Temperature	61	55	57	
Humidity	93	91	72	
Wind Direction	W	NNE	NNE	
Force	2	1	3	
Weather	02 F	0	0	
Rain	1.12	0.00	0.00	

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EMPEROR OF CANADA	Mar. 19	Mar. 29	Mar. 31	Mar. 31	Mar. 31
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Apr. 2	Apr. 12	Apr. 14	Apr. 16	Apr. 18
EMPEROR OF AUSTRALIA	Apr. 9	Apr. 19	Apr. 21	Apr. 23	Apr. 25
EMPEROR OF ASIA	Apr. 16	Apr. 26	Apr. 28	Apr. 30	May 2
EMPEROR OF CANADA	May 14	May 24	May 26	May 28	May 30
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	May 21	May 31	Jun. 2	Jun. 4	Jun. 6
EMPEROR OF AUSTRALIA	May 28	Jun. 7	Jun. 9	Jun. 11	Jun. 13
EMPEROR OF ASIA	Jun. 5	Jun. 15	Jun. 17	Jun. 19	Jun. 21

(E/Asia and E/Russia call at Nagasaki the day after departure from Shanghai.)

HONGKONG-MANILA-HONGKONG SERVICE

Leave Hongkong	Arrive Manila	Leave Manila	Arrive Hongkong
Feb. 27	Mar. 1	Mar. 14	Mar. 16
Mar. 12	Mar. 16	Mar. 29	Mar. 31
Mar. 26	Mar. 30	Mar. 31	Mar. 31

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IYO MARU	Wednesday, 17th Mar. at 11 a.m.
SEIZUOKA MARU	Friday, 2nd Apr.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP via Singapore & Ports.	
HAKONE MARU	Saturday, 27th Feb. at 11 a.m.
SUWA MARU	Saturday, 13th Mar.
FUSHIMI MARU	Saturday, 27th Mar.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.	
MISHIMA MARU	Wednesday, 24th Feb. at 11 a.m.
TANGO MARU	Wednesday, 24th Mar.
NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.	
HAKODATE MARU	Friday, 5th Mar.
BUENOS AIRES via Singapore, Durban & Cape Town, Delagoa Bay & Algoa Bay.	
KAMAKURA MARU	Saturday, 27th Feb.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.	
PENANG MARU	Tuesday, 2nd Mar.
GENOA MARU	Saturday, 6th Mar.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	
NAGANO MARU	Saturday, 6th Mar.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.	
AKI MARU	Thursday, 18th Mar.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.	
YAMAGATA MARU	Sunday, 28th Feb.
TSUBUGA MARU	Sunday, 28th Feb.
TAMBA MARU	Sunday, 28th Feb.
HAKUSAN MARU	Monday, 28th Mar.

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Mail Steamers	Next Sailings from Marseilles	Pro. Arr. at Hongkong and Sailing for Shanghai and Japan	Probable Sailings from Hongkong for Marseilles
ANGKOR	B		2nd Mar. 1926.
POETHOS	A		15th Mar.
ANDRE LEBON	A	29th Jan. 1926	30th Mar.
PAUL LECAT	A	12th Feb.	13th Apr.
AMBOISE	B	26th Feb.	27th Apr.
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STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"YUENSANG"	Thursday	25th Feb. at 3 p.m.
TINGTAU via SHANGHAI	"FAUSANG"	Friday	26th Feb. at 1 p.m.
HAIPHONG via HOIHOW	"MINGSANG"	Friday	26th Feb. at 10 a.m.
KOBE via SHANGHAI			
& YOKOHAMA	"KUMSANG"	Saturday	27th Feb. at 7 a.m.
TIENSIN via OREFOO	"OHEONGSHING"	Wednesday	3rd Mar. at Noon
TINGTAU via SHANGHAI	"YATSHING"	Wednesday	3rd Mar. at Noon
KOBE via SHANGHAI & MOJI	"KWANGSANG"	Thursday	4th Mar. at Noon
SANDAKAN	"WATSANG"	Friday	5th Mar. at 5 p.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"BOASANG"	Saturday	6th Mar. at 5 p.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"LAISANG"	Saturday	6th Mar. at 5 p.m.
KOBE via MOJI	"FOKSANG"	Thursday	11th Mar. at 3 p.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"SUISANG"	Thursday	18th Mar. at 3 p.m.

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"GLENIFFER"	...	9th Mar.
"GLENAMOY"	...	6th Apr.
"GLENHARRY"	...	4th Apr.
"GLENSHANE"	...	4th May
"CARMARATHENSHIRE"	...	1st June

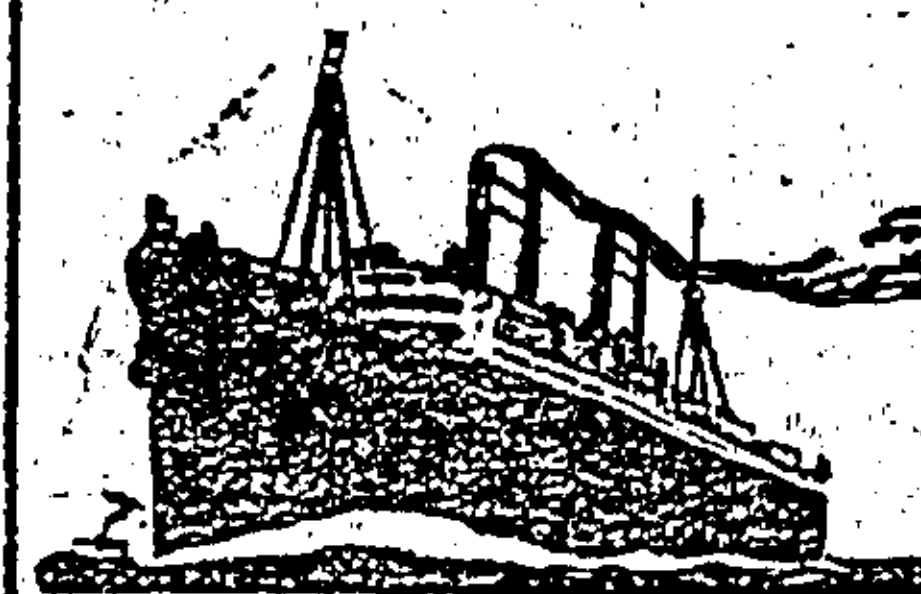
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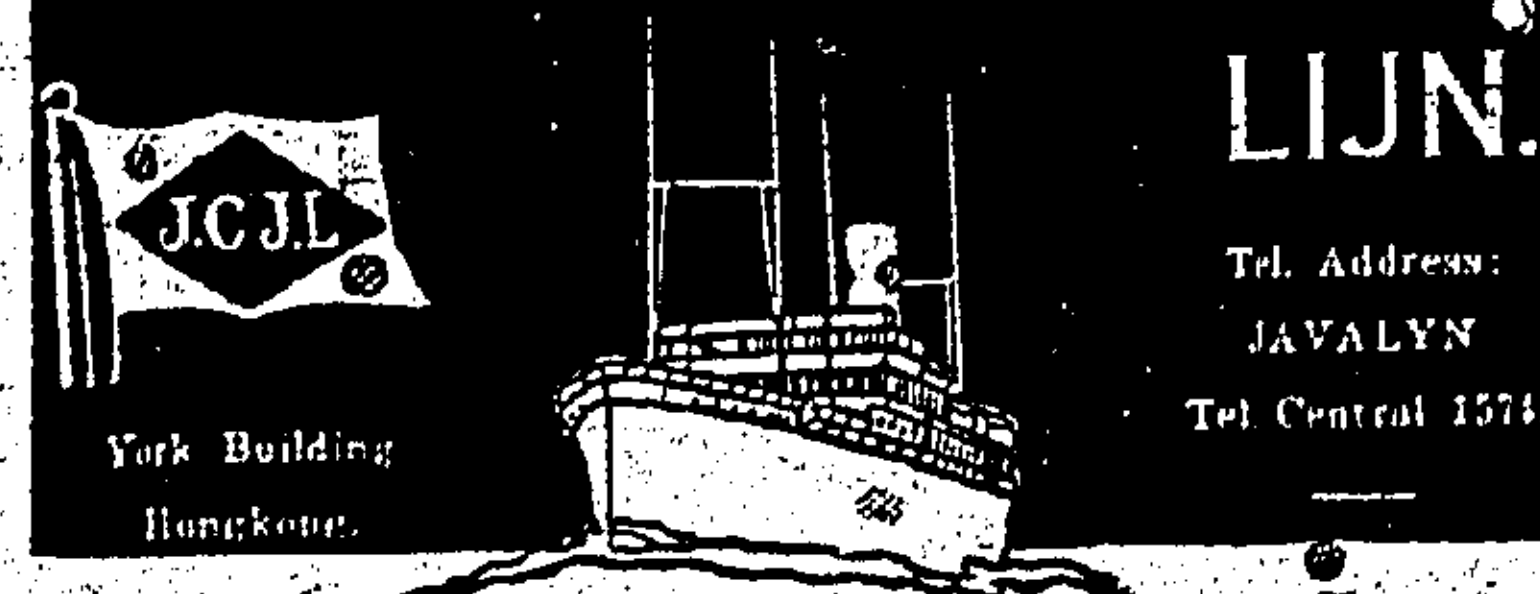
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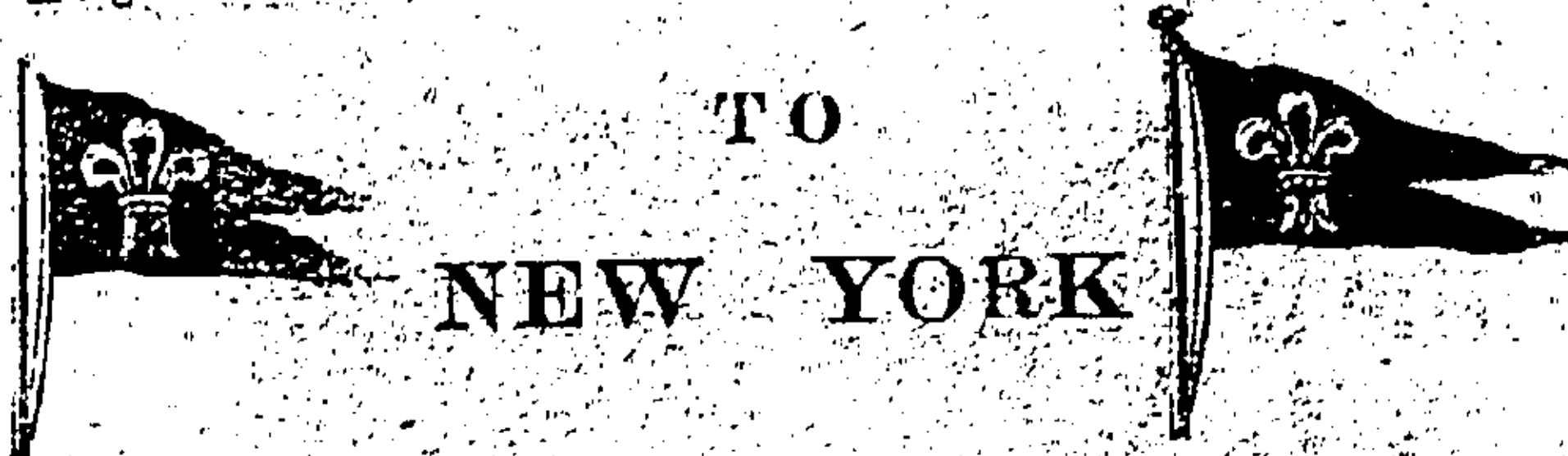
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PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL FORTNIGHTLY

DIRECT ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS.

(Under Contract with H.M. Government.)

Steamship.	Tons.	From Hongkong (about)	Destination.
"VAGPORE"	5,283	2nd Mar.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"MANTUA"	10,902	6th Mar. Noon	Marseilles and London.
"KASHMIR"	8,855	13th Mar.	Mars., L'don., A'werp., and Hamburg.
"KIDDERPORE"	5,334	18th Mar.	Singapore, Penang & Bombay.
"KHIVA"	8,135	20th Mar.	Marseilles, London, and Antwerp.
"MOREA"	10,913	3rd Apr.	Marseilles and London.
"DELTA"	8,097	15th Apr.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"DEVANHA"	6,155	17th Apr.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KALYAN"	8,144	21st Apr.	do.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	1st May	Marseilles and London.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	15th May	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MALWA"	8,941	28th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"KHAYBER"	8,114	12th June	Marseilles and London.
"MANTUA"	10,902	26th June	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"DELTA"	8,097	7th July	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KARMALA"	8,125	10th July	Marseilles and London.
"RANPURA"	16,587	24th July	do.

Frequent connections from Port Said for Passengers and Cargo to Constantinople, Piræus, Smyrna, and other Levant Ports by steamers of the Khedivial Mail Steamship Co.

BRITISH INDIA-APOAR SAILINGS

"TALAMBA"	8,018	4th Mar.	Singapore, Penang and Calcutta.
"TALMA"	10,000	10th Mar.	do.
"SHIBALA"	7,541	17th Mar.	do.
"TAKADA"	6,949	23rd Mar.	do.

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

"TANDA"	6,945	3rd Mar.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, and Melbourne.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	7th Apr.	do.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	8th May	do.
"TANDA"	6,945	2nd June	do.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	7th July	do.

The E. & A.S.S. Co., Ltd., steamers will also call at Shanghai, Hanoi, Cebu, Kolambagan, Tawao, Timor, Durwin, or other ports en route as inducement offers.

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The P. & O. Branch Service of Steamers to London via the Cape.

The New Zealand Shipping Co.'s Steamers for Southampton and London via Panama Canal.

SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI AND JAPAN

"SHIBALA"	7,541	25th Feb.	Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"MOREA"	10,911	1st Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"TAKADA"	6,949	7th Mar.	Moji & Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	13th Mar.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"KALYAN"	8,144	18th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	20th Mar.	do.
"DELTA"	8,097	26th Mar.	Shanghai & Kobe.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	2nd Apr.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	10th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	16th Apr.	do.
"KHAYBER"	8,114	30th Apr.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"TANDA"	6,945	8th May	Shanghai.
"MALWA"	10,941	14th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MANTUA"	10,902	28th May	do.
"KARMALA"	8,088	11th June	Shanghai & Kobe.
"DELTA"	8,097	11th June	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	12th June	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	8,855	25th June	Shanghai only.
"RANPURA"	16,585	9th July	Shanghai Moji & Kobe.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	22nd July	do.
"KALYAN"	8,144	8th Aug.	do.

All dates are approximate and subject to alteration without notice.
WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY FITTED ON ALL STEAMERS.
*Passengers for Hongkong must defray their own Hotel expenses at Singapore while awaiting the on carrying steamer.
All Cabins are fitted with Electric Fans free of charge.
Steamers of London and Australian Lines are fitted with Laundries.
Passengers' baggage not more than 15 ft. x 2 ft. x 4 ft. will be received at the Company's Office up to Noon on the day previous to sailing.
For Further Information, Passage Fares, Freight, Handbooks, etc., apply to—

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HAICHING ... Capt. A. E. Blevins ... Sunday, 28th Feb., at Noon.

Arrivals and Departures from the Company's Wharf (near Blake Pier).

Round Trip Tickets will be issued from Hongkong to Foochow (Parade Anchorage) and Return by the same Steamer by the "HAI-NING," "HAI-HONG" and "HAICHING" at the Reduced Rate of \$80.00 including Meals while the Steamer is in Port.

For Freight and Passage apply to—

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.

General Managers.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"KUEIKHOW"	On 24th Feb.	D.L.
AMOY & SHANGHAI	"CHENAN"	On 24th Feb.	10 a.m.
RANGKON	"KWANGTUNG"	On 24th Feb.	4 p.m.
AMOY & SINGAPORE	"KWANGCHOW"	On 24th Feb.	5 p.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"LINAN"	On 25th Feb.	11 a.m.
HAIPHONG & SAIGON	"HANYANG"	On 26th Feb.	Noon
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"SZECHUEN"	On 27th Feb.	4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	"KANGCHOW"	On 28th Feb.	4 p.m.

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"CHANGTE" & "TAIPING"

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Through Bills of Lading issued to all Australian, New Zealand and Tasmanian Ports.
EXCELLENT & MOST UP-TO-DATE FIRST & SECOND CLASS PASSENGER ACCOMMODATION.
HONGKONG TO SYDNEY—19 DAYS.

STEAMER	Due HONGKONG ON OR ABOUT	SAILING HENCE ON OR ABOUT
TAIPING	17th March	26th March
CHANGTE	27th March	3rd April
TAIPING	19th May	25th May
CHANGTE	16th June	22nd June

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S.S. "KENDAL CASTLE" ... Sails 15th Mar.

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REGULAR MONTHLY PASSENGER AND FREIGHT SERVICE FOR BRINDISI, VENICE AND TRIESTE (FIUME).

TAKING CARGO ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING TO

GENOA, ALL ITALIAN, ADRIATIC, LEVANT, BLACK SEA AND DANUBE PORTS.

REDUCED PASSAGE RATES TO BRINDISI, VENICE OR TRIESTE

£66.

NEXT SAILINGS.

OUTWARDS FOR SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND MOJI

S.S. "VENEZIA" ... Sails 2nd Feb.

S.S. "ROSANDRA" ... Sails 7th April

S.S. "FIUME-L" ... Sails 5th May.

HOMEWARDS FOR BRINDISI, VENICE AND TRIESTE

S.S. "VENEZIA" ... Sails 26th Mar.

S.S. "ROSANDRA" ... Sails 3rd May

S.S. "FIUME-L" ... Sails 31st May

NATAL LINE OF STEAMERS

FROM CALCUTTA AND COLOMBO TO SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.

S.S. "UMSINGA" ... Sails from Calcutta 31st Mar.

S.S. "UMSINGA" ... Sails from Colombo, 12th April

Regular Passenger and Cargo Service to South African Ports.

Through Bills of Lading issued from Hongkong.

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All lower berths.

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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Date
CANADA, U.S.A., JAPAN, SHANGHAI & EUROPE via SIBERIA	Pres. Jefferson	24th Feb.
SHANGHAI	Kanchoe	25th Feb.
SHANGHAI	Hanyang	25th Feb.
SHANGHAI	Kowang	25th Feb.
SHANGHAI	Shirata	25th Feb.
JAPAN and SHANGHAI	Hakoma Maru	26th Feb.
MAKILA	Pres. Taft	26th Feb.
EUROPE via NEGAPATAM (Letters only)	Derflinger	26th Feb.
London, 25th Jan.	Emp. of Asia	27th Feb.
CANADA, U.S.A., JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Van Oostrum	27th Feb.
EUROPE via NEGAPATAM (Letters only)	Emp. of Asia	27th Feb.
U.S.A., HONGKONG, JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Emp. of Asia	27th Feb.
JAPAN	Emp. of Asia	27th Feb.
U.S.A., HONGKONG, JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Emp. of Asia	27th Feb.
MAKILA	Emp. of Asia	27th Feb.
SHANGHAI	Emp. of Asia	27th Feb.
AUSTRALIA and MANILA	Emp. of Asia	27th Feb.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Is., 7th March	Mishima Maru	Wednesday, 24th, Reg. 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta	Ceylon Maru	Thursday, 25th, Reg. 9.30 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.
Japan & Honolulu	Ginga Maru	Thursday, 25th, Reg. 10.30 a.m. Letters 12.30 p.m.
Haiphong	Tonkin	Thursday, 25th, Reg. 12.30 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m.
Bangkok	Kwang Tung	Thursday, 25th, Reg. 2.30 p.m. Letters 3.30 p.m.
Amoy	Typhoon	Thursday, 25th, Reg. 3.30 p.m. Letters 5.00 p.m.
Shanghai	Glenamoy	Thursday, 25th, Reg. 5.00 p.m. Letters 5.00 p.m.
Swatow	Linan	Thursday, 25th, Reg. 9.30 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta	Fouwang	Thursday, 25th, Reg. 10.30 a.m. Letters 1.00 p.m.
Fort Bayard, Hoihow, Pakhoi & Haiphong	Hanoi	Thursday, 25th, Reg. 5.00 p.m. Letters 5.00 p.m.
Hoihow	Mingwang	Friday, 26th, Reg. 8.30 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.
Haiphong and Saigon	Hanyang	Friday, 26th, Reg. 8.30 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai	Kowang	Friday, 26th, Reg. 8.30 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai	Derflinger	Friday, 26th, Reg. 4.00 p.m. Letters 5.00 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & EUROPE via Mar. seilles—due Mar. seilles, 28th March	Hakoma Maru	Saturday, 27th, Reg. 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America & EUROPE via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 24th March, and EUROPE via Siberia (letters & postcards specially superimposed "Via Siberia" only)	Pres. Taft	Saturday, 27th, Reg. 9.30 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai	Kanchoe	Sunday, 28th, Reg. 9.00 a.m. Letters 9.00 a.m.
*Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Hoihow	Sunday, 28th, Reg. 9.00 a.m. Letters 9.00 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Poochow	Hoihow	Sunday, 28th, Reg. 9.00 a.m. Letters 9.00 a.m.
Saigon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and EUROPE via Mar. seilles—due Mar. seilles, 2nd April	Amoy	Tuesday, 2nd, Reg. 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m.
Manila, Sandakan, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 16th March	Tunda	Tuesday, 2nd, Reg. 5.00 p.m. Letters 5.00 p.m.
Shanghai	Yatsing	Wednesday, 3rd, Reg. 10.30 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai	Kwai Sang	Thursday, 4th, Reg. 10.30 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America & EUROPE via Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C., 24th March	Pres. Jefferson	Friday, 5th, Reg. 2.45 p.m. Letters 3.30 p.m.

* Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

COMMERCIAL.

OPENING QUOTATIONS.

February 23rd, 1926.

On London—	Telegraphic Transfer	3/4
Bank Bills, on demand	3/4 5/16	
Bank Bills, at 30 days sight	3/4	
Bank Bills, at 4 months sight	3/4	
Credit, at 4 months sight	3/4 5/16	
Documentary Bills, 4 months sight	3/4 5/16	
On Paris—	Bank Bills, on demand	1,500
Credit, 4 months sight	1,500	
On New York—	Bank Bills, on demand	57 1/2
Credit, at 30 days sight	58 1/2	
On Bombay—	Telegraphic Transfer	156
Bank Bills, on demand	156	
On Calcutta—	Telegraphic Transfer	156
Bank Bills, on demand	156	
On Shanghai—	Bank Bills, at sight	nom.
Private, 30 days sight	nom.	
On Yokohama—On demand	123 1/2	
On Manila—On demand	114 1/2	
On Singapore—On demand	141 1/2	
On Batavia—On demand	nom.	
On Saigon—On demand	nom.	
On Bangkok—On demand	79 1/2	
Sovereign, Bank's Buying Rate	88.27	
Gold Leaf, 100 fine, per tael	303	
Rice Silver, per oz.	303	

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Head Office: Hongkong.

Authorized Capital	\$50,000,000
Issued and Fully Paid-up	\$50,000,000
Reserve Funds—	
Sterling	24,500,000
Silver	\$38,500,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors	\$30,000,000

Court of Directors:
 J. M. Young, Esq., Chairman.
 H. P. White, Esq., Deputy Chairman.
 D. G. M. Bernard, Esq., Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang.
 W. H. Bell, Esq., W. L. Patterson, Esq.
 A. H. Compton, Esq., J. A. Plummer, Esq.
 Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, T. G. Weall, Esq.

Chief Manager:
 A. H. BARKER, Esq.
 Manager: Shanghai—G. H. STITT, Esq.

LONDON BANKERS: WESTMINSTER BANK, LTD.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened in LOCAL CURRENCY and FIXED DEPOSITS received for one year or shorter periods in LOCAL CURRENCY and STERLING on terms which will be quoted on application.
 Hongkong, 19th May, 1925. [25]

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on Deposits is calculated on the lowest balance during each completed Calendar Month at 3 1/2 per cent. per annum. Should there be no balance on any day in a month no interest will be allowed for that month.

Depositors may transfer at their option Balance of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSITS at CURRENT RATES.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION
 A. H. BARKER, Esq., Chief Manager.
 Hongkong, 7th January, 1925. [9]

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.

HEAD OFFICE: LONDON.

Paid-up Capital	£3,000,000
Reserve Fund	£4,000,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors	£2,000,000

Foreign Exchange and General Banking Business transacted.
 Current Accounts opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received for one year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.

A. H. FERGUSON, Manager.
 Hongkong, April 15th, 1925. [30]

BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE.

Head Office: 96, Boulevard Haussmann, Paris.

Subscribed Capital	Fr. 75,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital	Fr. 68,400,000.00
Reserve Fund	Fr. 59,867,232.54

Bangkok	Hanoi	Pondicherry
Batavia	Hongkong	Saigon
Canton	Kobe	Shanghai
Lyons	Manila	Singapore
Paris	Peking	Tientsin
Shanghai	Yokohama	Yunnan

IN FRANCE: Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; Crédit Lyonnais; Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas; Crédit Industriel et Commercial; Société Générale.

IN LONDON: The National Provincial and Union Bank of England, Ltd.; Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; Crédit Lyonnais.

IN NEW YORK: J. P. Morgan & Co.; French-American Banking Corporation; Guaranty Trust Co. of New York.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits according to arrangement.
 Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.
 A. LECOT, Manager.
 Hongkong, 20th March, 1924. [28]



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 Regular size Tins of 50 and Packets of 10.

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HEAD OFFICE: 15, Gracechurch Street, London, E.C. 3.

Authorized Capital	£3,000,000
Subscribed Capital	£1,800,000
Paid-up Capital	£1,050,000
Reserve Fund	£1,300,000

BRANCHES:
 THE BANK OF ENGLAND and MIDLAND BANK, LTD.

BRANCHES:
 Fargokh Galle, Kuala Lumpur, Rangoon, Batavia, Hongkong, Madras, Shanghai, Bombay, Howrah, New York, Simla, Calcutta, Rangoon, Penang, Singapore, Colombo, Karachi, Port Louis, Surabaya, Delhi, Kota Bharu (Mauritius).

HONGKONG BRANCHES:
 Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.
 Interest allowed on Current Accounts at 2 per cent. per annum on Daily Balance and on Fixed Deposits at Rates that may be ascertained on application.

J. B. ROSS, Acting Manager.
 7, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, April 17th, 1925. [23]

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THE BANK OF TAIWAN, LTD. (TAIWAN GINKO).

Incorporated by Special Imperial Charter, 1899.

Capital Subscribed	Yen 45,000,000
Capital (Paid-up)	Yen 39,375,000

HEAD OFFICE: TAIPEI, FORMOSA.

BRANCHES:
 JAPAN: Tokyo, Yokohama, Kobe, Osaka, Formosa:—Gilan, Kagi, Karento, Keelung, Makung, Nantow, Shichika, Pichu, Taiwan, Patao, Tamsui, Tuyen, Aho, Pimao, CHINA:—Shanghai, Hankow, Amoy, Poochow, Swatow, Canton.

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LONDON BANKERS:
 LONDON COUNTY WESTMINSTER AND PARK BANK.

The Bank has Correspondents in the Commercial Centers on the European Continent, Russia, Manchuria, Tientsin, Japan, Indo-China, Siam, India, Philippine Islands, Java, Africa, &c.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts, and Fixed Deposits at Rates which will be quoted on application.

T. TAKAGI, Manager, HONGKONG BRANCH, 3, Des Voeux Road, Central, Hongkong, 1st Decemb. 1925. [27]

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THE BANK OF CHINA. 行銀國中

Specially authorized by Presidential Mandate of the Republic of China on the 22nd of November, 1917.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL	\$60,000,000.00
PAID-UP CAPITAL	19,780,200.00
RESERVE FUND	9,844,368.69

HEAD OFFICE: PEKING.

Hongkong Branch:—4, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

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London Bankers:—THE GUARANTY TRUST CO. OF NEW YORK, THE NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK, LTD.

New York Bankers:—THE EQUITABLE EASTERN BANKING CORPORATION, THE IRVING BANK-COLUMBIA TRUST CO.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits. Terms on application.

Every description of Banking Business transacted.

Loans granted on Approved Securities. Special facilities for domestic exchange.

TSUYEE FEE, Manager, HONGKONG, January 18th, 1926. [38]

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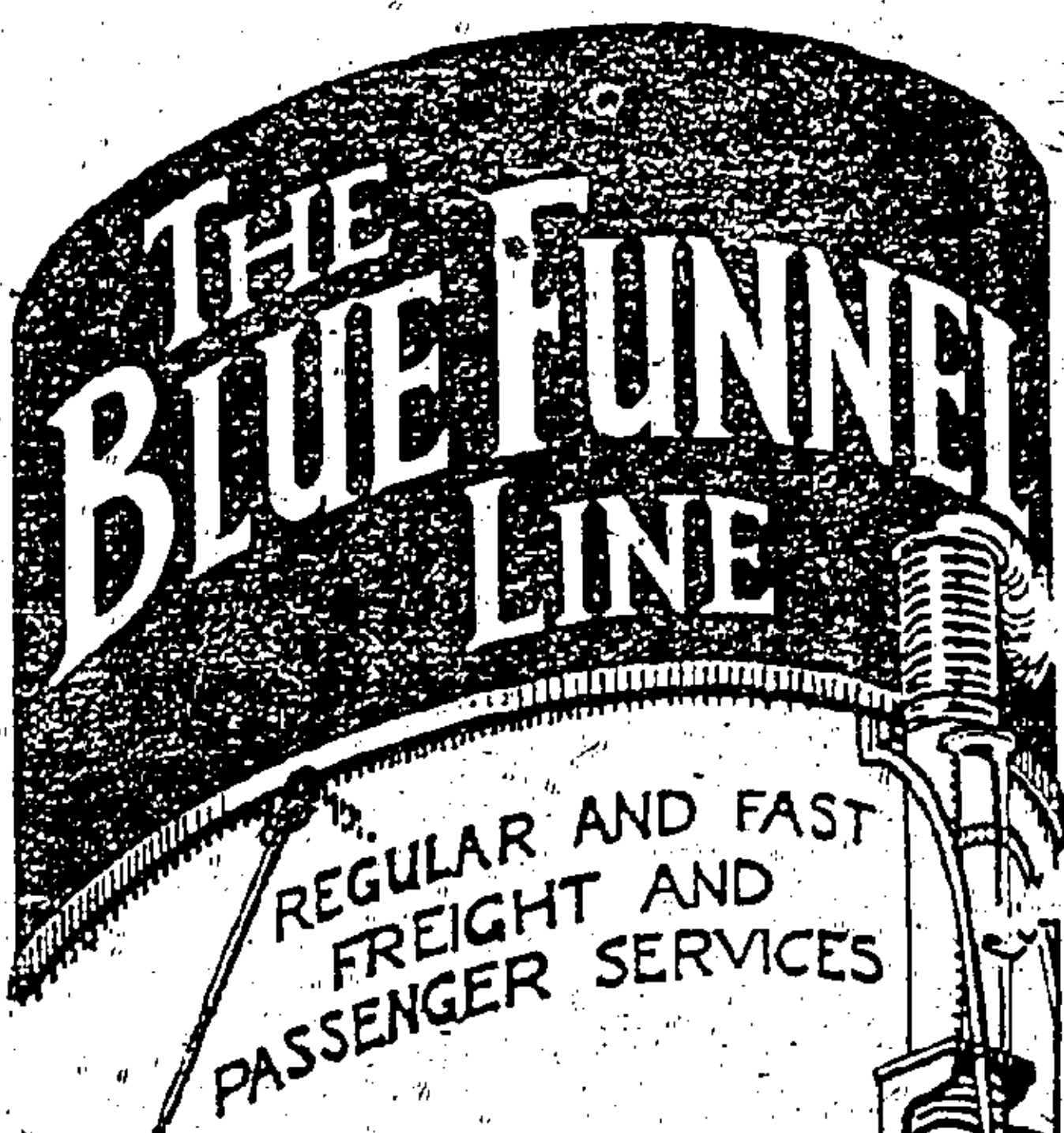
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